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JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and to all whom it may concern—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKER, } **W**HEREAS we have thought fit, by and with the advice and
Attorney-General. } consent of Our Executive Council of Our said Province of
British Columbia, to prorogue the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, till the
Tenth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

NOW KNOW YE that We do for that end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby prorogue the Legislative Assembly accordingly, until the Tenth day of JUNE, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the Tenth day of JUNE next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament, of the said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twenty-second day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,
Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
 QUEEN, *Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Tenth day of June next, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday,
 the Tenth day of June next, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held
 and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWELFTH day of the Month of AUGUST next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Eighteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHARLES GOOD,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
 QUEEN, *Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twelfth day of August next, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
 Twelfth day of August next, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and
 constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the TWELFTH day of the Month of OCTOBER next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twenty-first day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,
Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and
Attorney-General. } consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of British Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, which stands prorogued to the TWELFTH day of OCTOBER next.

NOW KNOW YE, that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly, and the Members thereof are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said TWELFTH day of OCTOBER next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Thirtieth day of August, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,
Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } **W**HEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be,
Attorney-General. } to meet Our People of Our Province of British Columbia,
 and to have their advice in Our Legislature, We do make known Our Royal Will and
 Pleasure to call a new Legislative Assembly of Our said Province; and do further
 declare that, by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this
 day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a new Legislative
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 August instant, and to be returnable, as to Vancouver Island, on the First day of
 OCTOBER next, and as to the Mainland, on the FOURTH day of DECEMBER next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent,
 and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS
 the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our
 said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said
 Province, this Thirtieth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One
 thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of
 Our Reign.

By Command.

JOHN ASH.

Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
 QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } **K**NOW YE that We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may
Attorney-General. } be, to meet Our People of Our Province of British Columbia,
 and to have their advice in Our Legislature, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our
 Executive Council of British Columbia, summon and call together the Legislative
 Assembly of British Columbia, to meet at Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, on
 MONDAY, the SIXTH day of DECEMBER next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent,
 and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS
 the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our
 said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said
 Province, this Thirtieth day of August, in the year of Our Lord One
 thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of
 Our Reign.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,

Provincial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Monday, the Sixth day of December next, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Monday, the
Sixth day of December next, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and
constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of the Month of DECEMBER next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,
Registrar, Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKEM, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday,
the Twenty-third day of December instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you
were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid ; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on MONDAY, the TENTH day of the Month of JANUARY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this First day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHARLES E. POOLEY,
Registrar, Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT,
Victoria
7th January, 1876.

Whereas, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by a Proclamation dated the 30th August, 1875, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, and

Whereas it was necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution.

I have now the honour to report that the said Elections have been held, and I hereby certify that the writs and certificates have been duly returned to me by the respective Returning Officers, whereby it appears that the members were elected to represent the said Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Districts as is hereinafter set forth viz. for—

Victoria City.....	Robert Beaven,
"	James Trimble, M.D.,
"	Andrew Charles Elliott,
"	James W. Douglas.
Comox	Dr. John Ash.
Esquimalt	William Fisher,
"	Frederick Williams.
Nanaimo.....	John Bryden.
Victoria District	Thomas Basil Humphreys,
"	William Fraser Tolmie.
Cowichan	William Smithe,
"	Edwin Pimbury.
New Westminster District...	Ebenezer Brown,
"	William James Armstrong.
New Westminster City.....	Robert Dickinson.
Yale.....	John A. Mara,
"	Forbes G. Vernon,
"	Robert Smith.
Kootenay.....	Arthur W Vowell,
"	Charles Gallagher.
Cariboo.....	George Anthony Walkem,
"	Alexander Edmund Batson Davie,
"	John Evans.
Lillooet.....	William Brown,
"	William Morrison.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

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OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.
SESSION 1876.

Monday, 10th January, 1876.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Joseph William Trutch, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the first day of December, 1875, the members having been duly sworn, took their seats.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Ash*, Provincial Secretary, said:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Excellency does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Excellency hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker *James Trimble*, Esquire, Member representing the City of Victoria, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Robert Smith*.

And the question being put by the Clerk, "That *James Trimble*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"

Resolved, unanimously, That James Trimble, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk, having declared *James Trimble*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Ash* said:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have much pleasure in meeting you at the opening of this, the first Session of the Second Term of our Legislature, since Confederation.

Several subjects of great importance require your earnest consideration. Foremost among them is the question of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which, unfortunately, since 1873, has been a fruitful source of anxiety and disappointment to the Province. Last Session I was enabled to lay before you official information on this matter of an assuring character, the Dominion Government having agreed to carry into effect the Terms of Union, according to certain conditions recommended by Lord Carnarvon. I now inform you with regret that I have recently received a despatch from that Government on this subject, submitting certain proposals strongly at variance with the conditions mentioned. These proposals I have unhesitatingly declined. I have further protested against any violation of the settlement by the Dominion Government. The papers on this subject will be laid before you.

The steps necessary for the commencement of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt have been taken, and full information with respect to this important work will be given to you.

The non-fulfilment by Canada of our Railway agreement has seriously crippled the

pastoral and agricultural interests of our community, whose anticipations of prosperity, fairly entertained, have unfortunately not been realized.

With respect to our Mining interests, it is a matter of congratulation that the Northern gold fields of Cassiar, which last year were not sufficiently tested to determine their real value, now give every promise of permanence, whilst the yield of Cariboo has been highly satisfactory.

The value of our Coal deposits cannot be over-rated. They already give remunerative employment to a large number of our people, and new mines are being opened with every prospect of being extensively and profitably worked.

I shall submit for your consideration measures to amend the law relating to Gold Mining, and to provide for the inspection of Coal mines, with the view of protecting the lives and property of those engaged in that industry.

I shall also ask you to give your attention to Indian Affairs, on which subject important papers will be communicated to you.

No domestic question will be more interesting to you than that of Education. The working of the School Act has been found defective, and requires amendment.

During the past season the Public Works authorised last Session have been carried on, and their construction has in a great measure relieved the Province of much of the depression which otherwise would have existed.

The Public Accounts will at once be laid before you, and Estimates for the current year are being prepared for your consideration.

Acts for the improvement of our County Court system, and for necessary law reforms, will be submitted to you.

The melancholy circumstances connected with the loss of the steamship Pacific, have induced me to forward representations to the Dominion and Imperial Governments, with the view of preventing, as far as possible, similar disasters in the future.

I now leave you to your deliberations, in full confidence that you will, on all occasions, aim to promote the best interests of the Province.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Ash*,—
Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Thursday next, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Ash*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting County Courts" was introduced.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Ash*,—
Ordered, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be considered on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavored so to be by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

And then the House adjourned at 3:33 p. m.

Thursday, 13th January, 1876.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Douglas moved, seconded by Mr. Davie,—

1. That an humble address be presented to His Honour, thanking him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the first Session of the second term of our Legislature.

2. That we shall have much pleasure in giving our attention to the several subjects of great importance requiring our earnest consideration.

3. That we fully recognize the foremost importance of the question of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which unfortunately, since 1873, has been a fruitful source of anxiety and disappointment to the Province.

3. That we are aware that His Honour was enabled last Session to lay before us official information on this matter of an assuring character, the Dominion Government having agreed to carry into effect the Terms of Union, according to certain conditions recommended by Lord Carnarvon, and we thank His Honour for the information that he recently received, with regret, a despatch from that Government on this subject, submitting certain proposals strongly at variance with the conditions mentioned, which proposals His Honour unhesitatingly declined. We also thank His Honour for acquainting us that he has further protested against any violation of the settlement by the Dominion Government, and that the papers on the subject will be laid before us.

5. That we are interested to learn that the steps necessary for the commencement of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt have been taken, and that full information with respect to this important work will be given to us.

6. That we concur with His Honour that the non-fulfilment by Canada of our Railway agreement has seriously crippled the pastoral and agricultural interests of our community, whose anticipations of prosperity, fairly entertained, have unfortunately not been realized.

7. That with respect to our Mining interests, it is a matter of congratulation that the Northern gold fields of Cassiar, which last year were not sufficiently tested to determine their real value, now give every promise of permanence, whilst the yield of Cariboo has been highly satisfactory.

8. That the value of our coal deposits cannot be over-rated; that they already give remunerative employment to a large number of our people; and we are gratified to learn that new mines are being opened with every prospect of being extensively and profitably worked.

9. That we will give our careful consideration to measures to amend the law relating to Gold Mining, and to provide for the inspection of Coal mines, with the view of protecting the lives and property of those engaged in that industry.

10. That we will give our best attention to Indian affairs, and to the important papers to be communicated to us.

11. That we can assure His Honour that no domestic question is more interesting to us than that of Education, and we will carefully consider any amendment of the School Act submitted to us.

12. That we are pleased to learn that during the past season the Public Works authorized last Session have been carried on, and their construction has in a great measure relieved the Province of much of the depression which otherwise would have existed.

13. That we learn with satisfaction that the Public Accounts are at once to be laid before us, and that Estimates for the current year are being prepared for our consideration.

14. The Acts for the improvement of our County Court system, and for necessary law reforms, to be submitted to us, will be duly considered.

15. That we thank His Honour for forwarding representations to the Dominion and Imperial Governments concerning the melancholy circumstances connected with the

loss of the steam-ship Pacific, and trust they will have the desired effect of preventing, as far as possible, similar disasters in the future.

16. That we thank His Honour for the expression of his full confidence, and beg to assure him that we shall, on all occasions, endeavour to promote the best interests of the Province.

And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Resolved, That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—

The Honourable Attorney-General, the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable Provincial Secretary, and Messrs. *Douglas* and *Davie*, with instructions to prepare and report an Address to His Honour.

The Hon. Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this the first Session of the second term of our Legislature.

We shall have much pleasure in giving our attention to the several subjects of great importance requiring our earnest consideration.

We fully recognize the foremost importance of the question of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which unfortunately, since 1873, has been a fruitful source of anxiety and disappointment to the Province.

We are aware that Your Honour was enabled last Session to lay before us official information on this matter of an assuring character, the Dominion Government having agreed to carry into effect the Terms of Union, according to certain conditions recommended by Lord Carnarvon, and we thank Your Honour for the information that you recently received, with regret, a despatch from that Government on this subject, submitting certain proposals strongly at variance with the conditions mentioned, which proposals Your Honour unhesitatingly declined. We also thank Your Honour for acquainting us that you have further protested against any violation of the settlement by the Dominion Government, and that the papers on the subject will be laid before us.

We are interested to learn that the steps necessary for the commencement of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt have been taken, and that full information with respect to this important work will be given to us.

We concur with Your Honour that the non-fulfilment by Canada of our Railway agreement has seriously crippled the pastoral and agricultural interests of our community, whose anticipations of prosperity, fairly entertained, have unfortunately not been realized.

With respect to our Mining interests, it is a matter of congratulation that the Northern gold fields of Cassiar, which last year were not sufficiently tested to determine their real value, now give every promise of permanence, whilst the yield of Cariboo has been highly satisfactory.

The value of our coal deposits cannot be over-rated; they already give remunerative employment to a large number of our people; and we are gratified to learn that new mines are being opened with every prospect of being extensively and profitably worked.

We will give our careful consideration to measures to amend the law relating to Gold Mining, and to provide for the inspection of Coal mines, with the view of protecting the lives and property of those engaged in that industry.

We will give our best attention to Indian affairs, and to the important papers to be communicated to us.

We can assure Your Honour that no domestic question is more interesting to us than that of Education, and we will carefully consider any amendment of the School Act submitted to us.

We are pleased to learn that during the past season the Public Works authorized last Session have been carried on; and their construction has in a great measure relieved the Province of much of the depression which otherwise would have existed.

We learn with satisfaction that the Public Accounts are at once to be laid before us, and that Estimates for the current year are being prepared for our consideration.

The Acts for the improvement of our County Court system, and for necessary law reforms, to be submitted to us, will be duly considered.

We thank Your Honour for forwarding representations to the Dominion and Imperial Governments concerning the melancholy circumstances connected with the loss of the steam-ship Pacific, and trust they will have the desired effect of preventing, as far as possible, similar disasters in the future.

We thank Your Honour for the expression of your full confidence, and beg to assure you that we shall, on all occasions, endeavour to promote the best interests of the Province.

The said Address was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address in reply to the Speech be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Davie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Mr *Eli Harrison* be appointed Law Clerk.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of the following Members:—The Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, and Messrs. *Davie*, *Smither*, *Evans*, and *Bryden*.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved for the nomination of Members to form the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House nominated the following Members to form the Committee, together with the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, the mover, Messrs. *Armstrong*, *Mara*, *Ebenezer Brown*, *Tolmie*, and *Fisher*.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to overhaul the working of Public Schools, including the *Cuche Creek* Boarding School. Said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *R. Smith*, *Morrison*, *Gallagher*, *Davie*, *Ash*, and *Douglas*, with power to call for persons, books, and papers.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish liens in favour of mechanics, labourers and others."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Second Annual Report of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Ash* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fourth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Armstrong* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a statement of expenditure for the year 1874, and for the nine months ending 30th September, 1875, together with Returns of Revenue for the year 1875. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to certain proposed alterations by the Dominion Government in existing Railway agreements. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 3:45 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 17th January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance that the important subjects submitted to you will receive your earnest attention.

*Government House,
January 17th, 1876.*

Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all despatches, letters, telegrams, and other communications from the Dominion Government, or any member thereof, to this Government or any member thereof, in any way relating to advances made, or to be made by the Dominion Government to this Province, under or by virtue of Section two of the Dominion Statute, 37 and 38 Vic., cap 17, or Section two of the Local Act entitled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, and of Provincial Public Works."

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the correspondence on the subject, and the motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers connected with the Indian Land Question, 1850-1875. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to have laid before the House a detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the *Cache Creek* Boarding School, from its first opening up to first of January, 1876; also quarterly returns of the number of children in attendance, boys and girls, and their ages.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3,) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, to be known as the 'Cassiar District,' with one Representative."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the Province, from 1st January to 30th November, 1875. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Evans* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner the following Questions:

1. What portion, if any, of the \$34,500 voted for Roads, Bridges, and Trails in the *Cariboo* District for 1875 was intended for the *Quesnelle* Bridge?
2. Whether the Cofferdam built in connection with the *Quesnelle* Bridge is included in the original contract and covered by the sum of \$37,500, or was ordered to be built by the Surveyor-General, on behalf of the Government, in consequence of improper survey, and to be paid for as extra work; if so, at what cost?
3. Whether Mr. *J. Johnson Robertson* was in receipt of salary as Superintendent of *Quesnelle* Bridge while canvassing through the District as a Candidate for the Legislature, say from the first of July to the end of October, 1875?
4. Whether instructions have been sent to Superintendent of *Quesnelle* Bridge not to sign or issue any more certificates on account of work done; and if so, why?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

(No. 1.)—"The estimated cost of the *Quesnelle* River bridge, and road approach, was \$40,000; it was considered that about \$20,000 of the amount would be required for the service during the year 1875.

"The expenditure so far brought to account upon this work has not amounted to \$20,000."

(No. 2.)—"If the Contractor for the *Quesnelle* bridge, in carrying out the plans and specifications, deemed it advisable to construct a Cofferdam, he was entitled to do so, but he had no order from the Surveyor General to construct it as an extra work on behalf of the Government."

(No. 3.)—"Mr. *Robertson* has been employed by this Department since 23rd June, 1875, at \$100 per month, to see that the Contractor for the *Quesnelle* bridge carries out his agreement in accordance with the plans and specifications.

"Mr. *Robertson* has been paid \$400 on account of his salary, and if he has absented himself from his duties, for the purpose of attending to his private affairs, a deduction can be made upon final settlement."

(No. 4.)—"No."

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Questions:—

1. Has this Government received from the Dominion Government any, and if any, what sums of money, and at what dates, under Section two of the Local Act, entitled "An Act respecting the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt* and of Provincial Public Works."

2. Has this Government borrowed money (during the years 1874 and 1875) from individuals or corporations in *British Columbia*; and if so, to what amount and at what dates, and what is the amount of our present indebtedness to such individuals or Corporations?

3. Has this Government pledged, or in any way given as security to any Government, corporation or person, any part of the revenues, subsidies or property of this Province; and if so, to what extent and when, and generally what is the nature of any such pledge, or pledges, or security?

4. Has this Government received from the Dominion Government any notification to the effect that our subsidies or any portion of them will be withheld until the performance by us of any, and what conditions or the happening of any and what event?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

(No. 1.)—"There was received from the Dominion Government, on 8th June, 1875, the sum of \$189,150; on the 21st of October, 1875, the sum of \$150,000, with permission to repay the latter on the 1st July, 1876."

(No. 2.)—"During 1874, the Bank of *British Columbia* advanced, and were repaid \$189,150. During 1875, temporary loans, under the authority of the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1874,' were effected with the Bank of *British Columbia* for \$92,287 63, and with *Sir James Douglas* for \$30,000, which two sums show all our present indebtedness to Corporations and individuals."

(No. 3).—"This Government have only obtained money under the 'Loan Act' referred to, and under Act No. 4, of last session."

(No. 4).—"Full information in reply to this query is contained in the papers this day laid before the House."

Mr. Smith moved,—

That whereas in the Terms of Union between British Columbia and Canada it was agreed that the Dominion Government would construct a Railway from the sea-board of British Columbia to connect with that of the railway system of Canada.

And whereas British Columbia has faithfully fulfilled her portion of the contract, Canada having failed to do so.

And whereas a Minute of Council, dated *Ottawa*, September 20th, 1875, offers to *British Columbia* \$750,000 for non-construction of Railway on *Vancouver Island*, and indefinite postponement of railway construction on the *Mainland*;

Therefore be it *Resolved*,—That we, the people of *British Columbia*, in Parliament assembled, do hereby appeal to, and call on *England* to urge upon the Dominion Government the expediency of actual construction of Railway on the *Mainland* on or before the 1st of July, 1876; and if *Canada* should object, on the plea of increase of taxation, then *England*, being a third party to the contract, and through whose promptings the Terms of Union were framed and consummated, shall propose to *Canada* assistance in the construction of said road; and if *Canada* will not accede to the first or second proposition, then *British Columbia* will be allowed to sever her political connection with *Canada* and become an Independent Province under the protection of Her Majesty's Government; and claiming from *Canada* Thirty millions of Dollars as compensation for non-fulfilment of Treaty obligations.

The motion was not seconded.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting County Courts," was read a first time.
Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 3 P.M., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 19th January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Williams presented a Petition from the *Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company*, which was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, with respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Friday next.

Pursuant to leave, Mr. *Smith* introduced Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Elliott* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

What cause, or causes, led to the recent discharge of Mr. *John Morley* from the position of Returning Officer for the District of *Cowichan*?

The Honourable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"Mr. *Morley* was displaced because, in the opinion of the Government, he failed, as Returning Officer, to maintain that impartiality which is contemplated by the 'Election Regulation Act.'"

Mr. *Morrison* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

What were the causes that led to the removal of *A. W. Smith, Esq.*, from the position of Government Agent, Returning Officer, and various other offices lately held by him in and for the *Lillooet* District?

The Honourable Mr. *Ash* replied as follows:—

"Mr. *Smith*, when in *Victoria*, having informed me that he was indifferent about holding the office of Government Agent, the Government, so soon as practicable, appointed his successor."

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to collect tolls on *Spence's Bridge* this year?

The Honourable Mr. *Armstrong* replied as follows:

"Yes."

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

What portion of the \$95,817 appropriated for the *Yale* District for Roads, Streets, and Bridges for 1875 was intended for the *Okanagan* and *Okanagan Mission* Road?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

"It was considered, whilst framing the estimated expenditure for 1875, that about seven thousand dollars would be required towards the construction of the *Okanagan Lake* Road, from the head of the lake to the *Mission*.

"The expenditure so far brought to account upon the work has not reached that amount."

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Have the *Hope-Yale* Waggon Road and Section 1 of the *Hope-Nicola* Trail been accepted from the contractors? And will the cost of repairs at present required on those works have to be paid by the Government or contractors?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

"The work on the road from *Yale* to *Hope*, and on Section 1 of the *Hope-Nicola* trail, has not been accepted, and is still in the hands of the contractors.

"Before final acceptance of these works, they are to be finished in accordance with the Contracts. The question of liability for cost of any repairs, cannot be decided until the origin of the damage, and the necessity and nature of the repair is defined."

Mr. *W. M. Brown* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Seeing that he stated in answer to my question last Session respecting the condition of the *Bridge River* Bridge, that *W. Sampson* had inspected it and reported it safe for another year, why he sent notices immediately after the close of the Session to be posted on the Bridge, to the effect that it was not safe, and warning persons not to cross? and why, after it had been found to be unsafe, it had been allowed to remain in that condition?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

"The Honourable gentleman is mistaken in his assertions.

"Last August I caused notices to be posted stating that the Bridge was insecure. This step was taken in consequence of my receiving, on the 31st July, a letter to that effect from *A. W. Smith of Lillooet*.

"I have not had the time or the information necessary to prepare plans for a new structure, even had it been considered a judicious expenditure."

Mr. *Dickinson* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

If the Honourable the Premier is aware of any arrangements having been made by the Dominion Government for the appointment of a County Court Judge at *New Westminster*?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

“The Provincial Government requested the Dominion Government, some months back, to appoint a County Court Judge for *New Westminster*, but no direct reply has been given. The County Court Act before the House contemplates the division of the Province into judicial Districts, of which *New Westminster* will be one, and a Judge will no doubt be appointed if the Act should be passed.”

Mr. *E. Brown* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Whether it is the intention of this Government to make arrangements for a resident Supreme Judge on the Mainland? also the appointment of a permanent Deputy Registrar?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

“The question is under consideration.”

Mr. *E. Brown* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Whether the Government intend bringing before this House a scheme for dyking the Low Lands of the *Fraser*?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

“No. There is a Statute which provides for this matter.”

And then the House adjourned at 3:50 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 20th January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was Resolved,—

That the correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on Indian affairs, be immediately taken into consideration, and that this House do approve of the basis of settlement agreed upon; and this House respectfully suggests that the Commissioners, to be appointed by both Governments, should be selected from persons in this Province who have had an intimate experience of the character, habits, and wants of our Indian population.

The second reading of Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice,” was postponed to Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 3:15 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 21st January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Elliott* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, which was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the first) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the correspondence between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province with regard to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following Report:—

Your Committee appointed by this Honourable House to consider and report upon the correspondence between the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province with regard to the Canadian Pacific Railway, respectfully report as follows:—

1. That it appears that the Dominion Government have almost wholly disregarded the terms of the Settlement effected through the mediation of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the purpose of carrying out the Railway Agreement in our Terms of Union.

2. The Dominion Government have not commenced Railway construction, either on the Island or on the Mainland, or the waggon road or engineering trail intended to facilitate railway work on the Mainland; though as part of the Settlement the "immediate construction" of a portion of these works was promised by the Dominion Government in December, 1874. The agreement, in the Settlement, for the immediate construction of the Provincial section of the Trans-Continental Telegraph Line has also been violated.

3. That with respect to the promised active prosecution of the surveys, your Committee have no authoritative information upon which a correct opinion can be based.

4. That the Dominion Government have, by Minute of the Privy Council of the 20th of September, 1875, intimated their intention to virtually ignore the Settlement effected by them with Lord Carnarvon, and have stated that they will submit their views, as expressed in the Minute, to Parliament at its ensuing Session, as the policy which should be adopted with respect to their Railway engagements with the Province.

5. That the Dominion Government have affirmed, in their Minute of September, that the section of Railway on *Vancouver Island* is not part of the Pacific Railway, but that it was offered to this Province as compensation for local losses caused by delays in the construction of the Pacific Railway; but your Committee do not find that such an offer of compensation was ever made or even suggested to the Province.

6. That the Dominion Government state in their Minute of the 20th of September last, that "it cannot be too clearly understood" that they will not abide by, or observe the agreements in the Settlement for an annual railway expenditure of \$2,000,000 in the Province, and for the completion of the railway from the Pacific to Lake Superior, by the year 1890, if the performance of such agreements should interfere with the conditions of a Resolution passed by the House of Commons in 1871, after our Terms of Union had been assented to by that body. The terms of this Resolution were, in effect, that the Railway should be constructed and worked by private enterprise, and not by the Dominion Government; and that subsidies in land and money, to an extent that would not increase the then rate of taxation, should be given in aid of the work by the Government.

7. Your Committee find that the terms of the Resolution were abandoned in 1874, the rate of taxation having been increased, and the construction of the Railway having been undertaken by the Government, instead of being confided to private enterprise.

8. Your Committee would observe that the Resolution was at best merely an indication of the scheme matured by the Government to provide means to fulfil their Rail-

way engagements with the Province; that it never was submitted to the people or Government of British Columbia; nor was it, so far as known, submitted in 1871 to the Imperial Government for consideration, when the Terms of Union were passed; or in 1874, to Lord Carnarvon, during the negotiations which preceded the Settlement. The Resolution therefore cannot, for plain constitutional, as well as legal reasons, control either the Terms of Union, or the Settlement made to carry them out.

9. That no compensation has been offered by the Dominion Government for the proposed abandonment of the section of Railway on *Vancouver Island*, or for the broken engagements to build the waggon road and telegraph line, or for any of the past disastrous and ruinous delays in the construction of the Pacific Railway on the Mainland or Island.

10. That an indemnity, however, to the amount of \$750,000—the cost of about twenty miles of railway—has been offered to British Columbia, for any future delays which may occur in the construction of the Railway, and that this sum will, subject to the assent of Parliament, be paid as a cash bonus to the Province, if the agreements for yearly Railway expenditure, and for completion of the Railway to *Lake Superior* by 1890, be surrendered by the Province.

11. That the Provincial Government have declined to accept the offer of \$750,000, and have recorded their dissent from the views expressed by the Dominion Government in their Minute in Council of September last.

12. That your Committee are of opinion that the Provincial Government have, by declining such offer, acted in the interests of this Province.

13. That the Province entered Confederation upon a distinct and specific agreement that, as “no real union could exist” without “speedy communication” between *British Columbia* and *Eastern Canada* through British territory, the Canadian Pacific Railway should be constructed by the Dominion as a Federal work of political and commercial necessity.

14. That the aim of the Province is to secure practical Confederation and its anticipated advantages, as indicated in the Terms of Union, in lieu of theoretical union with its losses, deprivations, and many disappointments.

15. That as the Dominion Government have failed to observe their Railway engagements with the Province, and have intimated, as stated, their intention not to carry them out, your Committee advise that your Honourable House do appoint a Committee to draft and submit to the House an humble Address to Her Majesty, setting forth all the circumstances connected with the subject of this Report, and praying that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased to at once move the Dominion Government to carry out the conditions of the Settlement effected through the mediation of Lord Carnarvon, and agreed to by them.

The Report was received and agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. *Walkem* and Messrs. *Elliott* and *Davie* were appointed a Committee to draft and submit to the House an Address accordingly.

Mr. *Evans* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a full Return of all unimproved and unoccupied land sold by auction, or otherwise, by the Provincial Government, since the date of Confederation; showing the number of acres, dates of sale, where situated, prices obtained, names of present holders, and arrears in each case, if any.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Mr. *Morrison* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that copies of all correspondence relating to the *Lillooet* and *Howe Sound* Trail, and a detailed statement of the moneys expended thereon, be laid before this House.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, it was Resolved that—

Whereas, a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Ordinances and Acts relating to the Procedure of the County Courts in the Province of British Columbia" has been submitted to this House for its second reading;

And whereas, in the opinion of this House it is expedient, before said Act becomes law, to submit it for the consideration and opinion of the Supreme Judges;

It is therefore *Resolved*, that copies of the Bill be forwarded to the Judges, with a respectful request that their opinion thereon be given.

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 24th January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Davie* presented a Report from the Committee on Public Schools, including the *Catch Creek* Boarding School. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Report was received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make Regulations with respect to Coal and other Mines."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to authorize the appointment of Deputy Registrars of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration and report upon the correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, with respect to advances made to, and applied for, by this Government, under Act No. 4, of last Session.

Mr. *Smithe* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That this debate be adjourned until Thursday next, in order that the Committee on Public Accounts may be enabled to make a Report to this House, which Report may then be taken into consideration in conjunction with the correspondence on Financial affairs.

The original motion was put, and carried on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Bryden,
Douglas,

Gallagher,
Smith,
Dickinson,

Davie,
Evans,
Williams.—12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Mara,
Vernon,
Vowell,

E. Brown,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,

Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—12.

Mr. Speaker gave his vote for the motion.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 25th, January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the second) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration and report upon the Correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, with respect to Advances made to and applied for by this Government, under Act No. 4 of last Session.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

"That this House strongly disapproves of the policy of the Government in *borrowing* large sums of money from *Canada*, at a time when *Canada* is a serious defaulter in respect to the most important obligation of the Treaty of Union; and this House is of opinion that, in pledging the Annual Subsidies of the Province for money thus borrowed,—thereby anticipating the stated revenues of the country—the Government have exceeded the powers granted to them under Act No. 4 of last Session." And that the Committee had passed the same, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Mara,
Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,

Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,

Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—13.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Douglas,
Gallagher,

Smith,
Davie,

Evans,
Williams.—10.

The Report was received, and being read a first and second time, was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Mara,
Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,

Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,

Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—13.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Bryden,
Douglas,

Gallagher,
Smith,
Davie,

Evans,
Williams.—11.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 28th January, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Elliott* presented a Petition from the District Meeting of the Methodist Church of *Canada* in *British Columbia*, which was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Supplementary Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, from the 1st to the 31st December, 1875.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* stated the Ministry had, in consequence of the vote given on Tuesday last, tendered their resignations to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, who had accepted the same; and that His Honour had been pleased to send for Mr. *Elliott*, member for *Victoria City*, to form a new Ministry.

And then the House adjourned, at 2:20 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to draft a Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty, respecting the breach by the Dominion Government of *Canada* of their Railway Agreement with the Province.

The Report was received and read.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

1. That the Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty with respect to the breach by *Canada* of her Railway engagements with this Province be engrossed and printed, and that the original be signed by Mr. Speaker.

2. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to forward the Petition, when signed by Mr. Speaker, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a respectful request that the said Petition may be laid before Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty will be graciously moved to favourably consider the same, and order the signification of Her Royal pleasure thereon to be communicated to the Government of this Province as soon as practicable.

On the motion of Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House, at its rising, do adjourn till Thursday, the 6th April, next, at two o'clock p.m.

And then the House adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, 6th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, since the last sitting of the House, he had received a Notification of vacancies which occurred in the Assembly by *Andrew Charles Elliott*, Esquire, having accepted the office of Attorney-General and Provincial Secretary, and by *Forbes George Vernon*, Esquire, having accepted the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and by the Honourable *Thomas Basil Humphreys* having accepted the office of Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and that he issued a Warrant to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue new Writs to fill such vacancies, and that the Honourable *Andrew Charles Elliott*, the Honourable *Forbes George Vernon*, and the Honourable *Thomas Basil Humphreys*, had respectively been re-elected.

The Notification and Certificates of re-election were then read by the Clerk at the Table, and were as follows:—

"To the Honourable James Trimble, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.

"SIR,—We notify you that vacancies have been created in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, by the acceptance of Provincial Offices by three of its Members, as follows:—

"*Andrew Charles Elliott*, Attorney-General and Provincial Secretary;

"*Forbes George Vernon*, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works;

"*Thomas Basil Humphreys*, Minister of Finance and Agriculture.

"Given under our hands and seals, at *Victoria, B. C.*, this third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

"In the presence of
A. McLEAN. }

(Signed)

"J. EVANS, M. L. A. [L.S.]

"J. W. DOUGLAS, M. L. A." [L.S.]

"SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"Registrar's Office, 6th April, 1876.

"Whereas *Andrew Charles Elliott*, Esq., one of the members for the Electoral District of *Victoria City*, did on or before the 4th day of February last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

"And whereas on the 4th day of February last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *A. F. Pemberton*, Esq., the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify, that, on the 22nd day of February last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said *Andrew Charles Elliott*, Esq., has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

(Signed)

"CHAS. E. POOLEY,

"Registrar Supreme Court."

"SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

"Registrar's Office, 6th April, 1876.

"Whereas *Forbes George Vernon*, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of *Yale*, did, on or before the 4th day of February last, accept Office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

"And, Whereas, on the 4th day of February last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District, was duly issued to *John Usher*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District;

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 30th day of March last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said *Forbes George Vernon*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

(Signed)

"CHAS. E. POOLEY,

"Registrar, Supreme Court."

"SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
"Registrar's Office, 6th April, 1876.

"Whereas the Honourable *Thomas Basil Humphreys*, one of the Members for the Electoral District of *Victoria* District, did, on or before the 4th day of February last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

"And, whereas, on the 4th day of February, last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District, was duly issued to *Charles James Prevost*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

"Now I do hereby certify that on the 15th day of February, 1876, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said Honourable *Thomas Basil Humphreys* has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

(Signed) "CHAS. E. POOLEY,
"Registrar, Supreme Court."

Ordered, That the Notification and Certificates be entered on the Journals of the House.

The Honourable *Thomas Basil Humphreys*, and the Honourable *Forbes George Vernon*, having been duly sworn, took their seats.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was Resolved,—

That the House at its rising do adjourn until Saturday, the 15th instant, at two o'clock, p.m.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Petition from *Philip Parke* and others, which was read and Ordered to be printed.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act, 1875."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 18th April, instant.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mara*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take into his earnest consideration the expediency of encouraging manufactories in the interior of the Province, such as a woollen factory, a tannery, with boot and shoe shop attached, in the vicinity of *Kamloops*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of Order.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a full Return of all land sold by Auction or otherwise, by the Provincial Government, since the date of Confederation, that remains unimproved and unoccupied, showing the number of acres, dates of sale, where situated, prices obtained, names of present holders, and arrears due in each case, if any.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was Resolved,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the Insane Asylum and the Royal Hospital; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Ash*, *Smith*, *Gallagher*, *Morrison*, and *Douglas*, with power to call for persons and papers.

The second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution. Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, to be known as the '*Cassiar* District, with one representative;" and of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others," was postponed to Tuesday, the 18th April, instant.

And then the House adjourned at 3 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, 15th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,—

Further papers relating to certain proposed alterations by the Dominion Government in existing Railway agreements.

Further papers relating to applications to the Dominion Government for advances under Act No. 4 of the Statutes, 1875.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House, at its rising, do adjourn till Tuesday, the 18th instant, at two o'clock P.M.

Mr. *Davie* asked leave to introduce the following Bills (Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10) intituled:—

“An Act to provide for the service of legal process on Foreign Companies carrying on business in British Columbia.”

“An Act respecting the challenging and number of Jurors in Civil Cases.”

“An Act to explain and amend the ‘Execution against Lands Act, 1874.’”

“An Act to give to parties to Civil Causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury.”

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills introduced, and severally read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that this House be furnished with copies of all correspondence which has passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any persons acting in their behalf, relative to our subsidies and other financial matters.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that this House be supplied with copies of all correspondence which has passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any persons acting on their behalf, relative to the *Canadian Pacific* Railway.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that this House be supplied with copies of all correspondence including telegrams, (if any) respecting the *Esquimalt* Dock, which may have passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any member of or person authorised by the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whomsoever.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on the subject of the Administration of Justice in this Province.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return may be printed and sent down to this House, of all expenditures brought to account at the Treasury, *Victoria*, in connection with the General Election of 1875, showing, in detail, the expenditure in each Electoral District of the Province, with the date, name of recipient, and nature of service rendered.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return of all Pastoral Leases issued may be printed and sent down to this House, showing, in detail, the date of application, name of lessee, date of lease, term of lease, rental per acre, amounts due and unpaid thereon for survey fee, rent and road tax, and the Electoral District in which land is situate.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return may be printed and sent down to this House, of all Pastoral Lands applied for and surveyed, but for which leases have not been signed by the applicant, showing, in detail, the Electoral District in which the land is situate, date of application, name of applicant, name of surveyor, date of survey, amount paid by applicant for survey, amounts due for rent and road tax to date of Return.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return may be printed and sent down to this House, giving a full statement, in detail, of the Receipts and Expenditures, as per the Revenue Cash Account Book, Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*, from 1st February, 1876, to date of the Return.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Evans*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return may be printed and sent down to this House, showing, in detail, the Receipts and Expenditures upon Public Works, as brought to account in the Public Works Cash Account Book in the Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*, from 1st February, 1876, to the date of the Return.

The dates, names, and nature of service rendered, to be supplied in full.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return may be printed and sent down to this House, showing, in detail, all Contracts or Agreements entered into, sums of money agreed to be paid, liabilities incurred, labour, material, or supplies ordered, services rendered by other than the Departmental Officers, from 1st February, 1876, to date of this Return, through the Department of Lands and Works (of which the head office at *Victoria* is cognizant) giving, in detail, the dates, names, and nature of service.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return of the evidence taken before the Arbitrators, in reference to the value of Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson's* land at *Esquimalt*, be printed and sent down to this House.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

Has the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting for the Government, or on behalf of any member thereof, sent to or received from the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whatsoever, any communication, direct or indirect, respecting the payment by *Canada* of \$250,000, in aid of the construction of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock? If any such communications have passed, what is their nature or purport?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows ;—

Yes. Their nature and purport will be communicated at an early period.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

Has any correspondence passed since the 1st of February, 1876, between the Provincial Government and Messrs. *Kinjapple* and *Morris*, or Messrs. *Reid Bros.*, respecting the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock; if so, what is the nature and what the dates of such correspondence?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows :—

Yes. The nature and dates of this correspondence will be communicated to the House in due course.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

What steps do the Government intend to take with respect to our system of Education ?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows :—

To remove any defects which may exist, and generally to promote its efficiency.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

Have the Arbitrators who were appointed, at the request of the owners, to decide as to the value of about six acres of land, at *Esquimalt*, required for Dock purposes, been notified that the owners, Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, have failed to comply with the Statutes, and that, consequently, there is now no question to arbitrate upon?

Mr. Speaker ruled the Question out of order.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

In reference to about six acres of unimproved property, near *Esquimalt*, purchased by Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, from the fur trading branch of the Hudson Bay Company, at the rate of \$5 per acre, for which, in July last, I tendered, on behalf of the Government of *British Columbia*, gold coin at the rate of \$600 per acre, the property being required for the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock. This tender the owners declined to accept; and I am now credibly informed that they ask \$100,000 for the property from the Government. Is the Government aware that the Arbitrators who were appointed, at the request of the owners, to decide as to the value of any claim made in accordance with the Statute, by Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, for this land, have held several sittings in *Victoria*, commencing on or about the 23rd February, 1876?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows :—

The Government is aware that the Arbitrators have held several sittings.

Mr. *Evans* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

What is the nature of the tenure on which the *Lane* and *Kurtz* Company, on *Williams Creek*, hold three and a half miles of mining ground on that creek; and, in view of the said company having long since ceased to work their ground and sold part of their machinery, with the balance advertised for sale, whether it is the intention of the Government to cancel such holding and throw the ground open to the public for location ?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows :—

Messrs. *C. C. Lane* and *John Kurtz* hold the mining ground on *Williams Creek* under a lease from the Gold Commissioner of the *Cariboo* District, dated the 28th July, 1870; term 21 years; rental \$250 per annum, payable in advance. The rent has been paid to the 28th July, 1876.

Mr. *W. Brown* asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Questions :—

1. Whether the public buildings at *Victoria* are the property of the Dominion or Provincial Government ?

2. What was the total amount expended for the improvement and repair of these buildings, from 1873 to 1875, inclusive ?

3. Whether the cost of such improvements and repairs was paid by the Dominion or Provincial Government ?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows :—

1. By Clause 8, *British North America Act*, all public buildings belong to Canada except such as the Government of Canada appropriate for the use of the Provincial Legislatures and Governments. Up to the present date no such appropriation has taken place, though correspondence has passed between the two Governments upon the subject, which correspondence will be placed before the House.

2. The amount expended on these buildings from 1873 to 1875, inclusive, has been thirty thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-two cents, (\$30,989 42).

3. The cost has been paid by the Provincial Government.

Mr. *Vowell* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question :—

Why neither a Supreme, County, nor Gold Commissioner's Court was held at *Kootenay* during the past year (1875) ?

The Question was withdrawn by leave of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6:15 p. m.

Tuesday, 18th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,—The Municipality Returns for the year 1875; and a Return of Expenditure at the Provincial Treasury, *Victoria*, from the 1st February, 1876, to 9th April, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Douglas* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to regulate the Branding and Marking of Cattle on the Mainland of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to state to the Dominion Government the isolated condition the *Cassiar* Miners are left in, as regards Mail communication throughout the year; and that His Honour will urge upon the Dominion Government the expediency of having established a semi-monthly mail at *Dease Lake*, and a monthly mail at *McDames Creek*.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, whereas, *British Columbia* is a country possessed of many valuable resources, and one of the most important is stock, the development of which ought to be encouraged; and the confidence of success depending, to a great measure, upon the introduction of manufactories, such as tanneries, woollen factories, and shoe factories, throughout the Province, particularly in the interior; therefore, be it *Resolved*—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take the matter into his earnest consideration, with a view of encouraging the same in such a manner as he may think proper.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for the return of letter No. 2,651, registered in the Lands and Works Department.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour may be pleased to send down to this House all correspondence and Orders in Council, if any, respecting the removal of Mr. *A. W. Smith*, Government Agent at *Lillooet*.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to have laid before this House Returns as follows:—

1. A statement in detail of all matters and things as regards the expenditure and liabilities connected with the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, to whom paid, and for what purpose, from the 1st January, 1872, to the 1st April, 1876.

2. Contracts let, if any, to whom, for what figure, and for what purpose.

3. When will the Dock be supposed to be completed, the estimated cost, and if any definite arrangement has been made to secure the money for the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt* without involving this Province.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the following Question of the Ministry:—

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Stipendiary Magistrate and Gold Commissioner for the District of *Cassiar*? and, if so, when?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

It is the intention of the Government to appoint such an Officer at an early period.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the following question of the Ministry:—

Has the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on behalf of the Government, or any member thereof, made an offer to any Road or other Contractor, in *New Westminster* District, with a view to buy out any contract let by the late Government? if so, by whom, and to whom, was the offer made?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

No.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Whether any extension of, or arrangement respecting, the Charter of the *Forks of Quesnelle* Bridge, has been given to or made with Mr. *Barry*, the lessee? and, if so, what is the substance thereof?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

An agreement has been entered into with Mr. *Wm. Barry* to extend his toll charter, at the same rates of toll for the *Forks of Quesnelle* bridge for a term of seven years, on the condition that he erects a new bridge at the site of the present one known as bridge No. 1, in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved of by the Government.

The order for the second reading of a Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1875,'" was discharged, and the Bill was withdrawn.

Mr. *Morrison* was granted leave to present another Bill (No. 14) instead thereof.

Bill presented and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others," was postponed to Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 2:40 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 19th April, 1876.

'TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to make Debts and Choses in action assignable at law."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* to ask leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address, from this House, be presented to the Dominion Government, praying that our old Tariff, which was abandoned for the Dominion Tariff at a time when the immediate commencement of the Railway was contemplated, be restored, with power for the Province to modify the same without detriment or prejudice to the Revenue of the Dominion Government.

Mr. *Vowell* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following Question:—

If the sum of Six hundred dollars has been paid to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos* as commission for borrowing Thirty thousand dollars from Sir *James Douglas*? and, if so, when?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"Yes. The sum of Six hundred dollars was paid to Mr. *De Cosmos*, on 20th October, 1875, as commission for borrowing Thirty thousand dollars from Sir *James Douglas*."

Mr. *Fisher* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Have the present Ministry, directly or indirectly, offered a portfolio or a seat in the present cabinet to the senior member for *Cariboo*, Mr. *Walkem*?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"No such offer has been made to Mr. *Walkem*."

Mr. *Fisher* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Has any insurance been effected on the Thirty thousand dollars' worth of cement warehoused in *Esquimalt*?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The cement was not insured by the late Government, nor has any insurance, as yet, been effected by the present Government."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to provide for the service of legal process on Foreign Companies carrying on business in British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting the challenging and number of Jurors in Civil Cases," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend and explain the 'Execution against Lands Act, 1874,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to give to parties in civil causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury" was postponed to Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:15 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 20th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and on the motion of Mr. Ash, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour will cause to be sent down to this House copies of all papers relating to the management of the Lunatic Asylum, from the 1st January, 1875, to the present time.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Morrison, it was *Resolved*,—

That, whereas there arrive in this Province, annually, foreign drovers with large bands of horned cattle, horses, and other stock, which are not only pastured without charge on the public domain, but come directly in competition with our own stock-raisers; therefore, be it *Resolved*—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to take the matter into his earnest consideration, with a view of removing the grievance in such a manner as he may think proper.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, including telegrams, if any, respecting the *Esquimalt* Dock, which may have passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any member of or person authorized by the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whomsoever. (*See Sessional Papers*).

On the motion of Mr. Pimbury, seconded by Mr. W. M. Brown, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return of all correspondence and Orders in Council respecting the transfer of certain public reserves and public buildings by the Dominion Government to the Province of *British Columbia*.

Mr. Walkem asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1874.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Mr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Williams,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report upon the method of receiving and opening Tenders, and of awarding Contracts for Public Works, by Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*, from 1st January, 1873, to date.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Douglas, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report to this House from time to time, as to the manner in which the following Resolution of this Assembly, passed 8th April, 1872, has been carried out, viz:—

"That 47 acres of the Crown Lands at *Ogden Point*, should be set apart for the purpose of providing for a Public Cemetery, and for other public purposes, on behalf of the City of *Victoria*, as Trustees in that behalf shall think fit;" and also into the management and position of the trust thus created.

The Committee to consist of Messrs. Beaven, Douglas, Tolmie, Williams, Davie, Evans, Ash, and Morrison.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Did Mr. *Humphreys* before consenting to join your Cabinet, require any pledge from yourself or colleagues, that your Government would secure such a modification of the Tariff as would protect the farming interests in this Province, and that protection to the farming interests would be part of the policy of your Government?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"Any communication I had with Mr. *Humphreys*, previous to his taking office in the administration, I regard as strictly confidential, and I must therefore respectfully decline answering the question of the Honourable gentleman more fully."

Mr. *Dickinson* asked the Premier the following question:—

If it is the intention of the Government to make any alteration, this year, in the plans and specifications under contract for the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"It is not the intention of the Government to make any such alterations."

Mr. *Evans* asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

What is the nature of the tenure on which the *Lane* and *Kurtz* Company, on *Williams Creek*, hold three and a half miles of mining ground on that creek; and, in view of the said company having long since ceased to work their ground and sold part of their machinery, with the balance advertised for sale, whether it is the intention of the Government to cancel such holding and throw the ground open to the public for location?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The lease is dated 28th July, 1870."

"The *Lane* and *Kurtz* hold their lease under the following conditions:—

"To erect a saw mill, with 50-inch circular saw, capable of cutting not less than 6000 feet of lumber per day; also, to erect steam hoisting and pumping engine, with works complete, of not less than thirty horse-power; to have the same works completed within eight months from date of lease. Also, to build a quartz crushing mill, containing ten stamps, to be completed within eighteen months, each stamp to weigh not less than 750 lbs., to be erected within ten miles of *Cameronton*. Term 25 years. Rental \$250, payable in advance. Privilege of renewal for 10 years from expiration, if conditions fulfilled. 60 days' (2 months') notice, from Gold Commissioner of district, of cancellation, by writing posted on works of lessees, necessary. One year's cessation of work constitutes absolute forfeiture."

"Rent paid up to 28th July, 1876."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to provide for the service of legal process on Foreign Companies carrying on business in British Columbia," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for giving to the parties to civil causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others," was postponed to Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 3:40 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 21st April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill, (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill, (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on Goods carried over the trail from *Telegraph Creek* to the *Cassiar Mines*."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill, (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from *Yale* to *Cariboo*."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of the several Charters, and of all agreements or correspondence, referring to the *Forks of Quesnelle Bridge*, and to the renewal of the lease thereof to the present lessee, Mr. *Barry*.

Mr. *Fisher* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

That a Committee of members of this House form a Committee for drawing up an Address to the Dominion Government, on the Tariff. The Committee to be composed of the following members: Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Smithe*, *Morrison*, *W. M. Brown*, *Ash*, *E. Brown*, and *Fisher*.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—

That all the words after "That," in the first line, be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"This House is of opinion that it would be desirable, before drafting the Address to the Dominion Government on the Tariff question, that the whole subject should be enquired into by a Select Committee, comprising representatives of the various Provincial industries, and that such Committee be instructed to draw up an Address accordingly."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

The following Members were named to form the Committee:—

Messrs. *Douglas*, *Fisher*, *Vowell*, *Smithe*, *Tolmie*, *Bryden*, and *Mara*.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

In reference to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson's* land, *Esquimalt*, required for dock purposes, has any claim been made by those gentlemen to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in accordance with the Public Works Acts? If so, what is its date and amount?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows;—

"The law has been complied with to the satisfaction of the Counsel employed by the late Government to represent the Crown. When the award is taken up, the Honourable Member will be entitled to the information he seeks; not before."

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question :—

Have the arbitrators in *re* Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson's land, Esquimalt, been informed that their services were unnecessary at the time they commenced their sittings?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows :—

"No."

Mr. W. M. Brown asked the Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts the following Question :—

If any progress has been made, and when the Report will be laid before the House?

Mr. Tolmie stated, in reply, that some progress had been made, but that the Committee were not yet prepared to make any Report.

Mr. Fowell asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following Question :—

Whether the sum of Six hundred dollars (\$600) paid to Mr. Amor DeCosmos on 20th of October, 1875, as commission on the sum of Thirty thousand dollars borrowed by the Provincial Government from Sir James Douglas, was paid in pursuance of warrant under the hand of the Governor, in accordance with the 46th Section of the "Constitution Act, 1871,"? and, if not, under what authority?

The Honourable Mr. Humphreys replied as follows :—

"The sum of \$600 was not paid to Mr. Amor DeCosmos in pursuance of warrant under the hand of the Governor, in accordance with the 46th Section of the "Constitution Act, 1871." It was paid under requisition from the late Finance Minister, and was included in a sum of \$9728 on account of miscellaneous items not detailed."

The second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting the Branding and Marking of Cattle, and for the better prevention of Cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia," was postponed to Tuesday next

The second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land," was postponed to Wednesday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was postponed to Monday next.

The Committee on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors," was postponed to Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:30 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 24th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Smithe asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Beaven, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Trust Deed, Deed of Confirmation, and Letters Patent constituting the Cemetery Board, and on file in the Land Registry Office, be printed and sent down to this House.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to take charge of the Library of this House, with authority to direct the expenditure of any appropriation granted by the Legislature for the uses of the Library; such Committee to consist of Messrs. *Mara*, *Davie*, *Tolmie*, *Walkem*, and *Ash*.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—

Whereas, the Volunteer Fire Department of *Victoria City* are at present compelled to pay ground rent for certain lots in *Victoria City* for the use of their buildings; and, whereas, there exists a vacant piece of land between the North boundary of *Pembroke Street* and Section 3, *Victoria District*, said piece of land having, as shown on the official map of *Victoria City*, a frontage of about 60 feet on *Government Street* and 440 feet on *Pembroke Street*, be it *Resolved*,—

That all the vacant Crown land between the northern boundary of *Pembroke Street* and Section 3, *Victoria District*, be surveyed and staked out on the ground by the Surveyor-General, and laid down and numbered on the official map of *Victoria City*; and that it be transferred, free of cost, to the *Victoria Fire Department*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Motion out of order.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for Returns of all Lands applied for, or now held, for timber cutting purposes; giving reasons for refusal when applications for land for such purposes have not been granted; and shewing date and term of lease, with name of lessee, also conditions of lease; together with all other information, in possession of the Land Office, on the subject of timber cutting leases.

Mr. *Evans* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that instructions be sent to the Gold Commissioner of *Cariboo*, to post up Notices of Cancellation on the works of the *Lane* and *Kurtz Co.*, on *Williams Creek*, if found that they have not complied with the terms of lease.

The Motion was negatived, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Davie,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Williams</i> .—8.

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>E. Brown,</i>
<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>
<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Pimbury</i> .—14.
<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>		

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to arrange for the holding of a session of the Supreme Court, and of two or more sessions of County Court, at *Kootenay*, this year?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"The matter shall have the earnest consideration of the Government."

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to appoint a Gold Commissioner at *Kootenay*, this year?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"This matter is now under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. *Williams* asked the Ministry the following Question:—

Has any claim been made to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works by Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, for land taken up at *Esquimalt* for dock purposes; if so, what is its date and amount?

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Question was out of order.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Ministry the following Question :—

Did the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, before granting a renewal to Mr. *Barry*, of the *Forks of Quesnelle* Bridge Charter, communicate with or consult any of the members of the *Cariboo* District; and, if so, with which member, and what was the substance or nature of the communication and of the advice (if any) tendered to the Chief Commissioner?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"In a verbal communication with Mr. *Davie*, one of the honorable members for the *Cariboo* District, he informed me the present bridge had been seriously damaged last spring. Mr. *Davie* did not advocate a renewal of the Charter, neither did he offer any objection to it."

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others," was discharged.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was Resolved,—

That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Humphreys*, *Smithe*, *Morrison*, and *Smith*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was Resolved,—

That this House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until to-morrow, at two o'clock.

And then the House adjourned at 5:30 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 25th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Smithe* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments, and that he had been instructed to report that Mr. *Beaven* had moved the following amendment:

"That Section 10, 'Municipality Amendment Act, 1876,' be struck out, and the following inserted: It shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of any City or Town duly incorporated under this Act, or under any other Municipality Act or Ordinance, to appoint from time to time, at such salary as the said Council may fix and pay, a Police Magistrate, who shall have and exercise all the same lawful powers and authorities as have hitherto been had and exercised by any Stipendiary Magistrate of this Province; the said Council shall also have the power to revoke any such appointments; Provided always that nothing in any Act contained shall prevent the Mayor or Warden of a Municipality from holding such appointment of Police Magistrate; Provided always, that no such appointment shall be valid until assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

And that the same was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *Walkem, Armstrong, Beaven, Ash, Douglas, Gallagher, Evans, Williams*—8.

NAYS:—Messrs. *Smith, Mara, Vernon, Vowell, E. Brown, Dickinson, W. Brown, Tolmie, Elliott, Davie, Morrison, Humphreys, Fisher, Smithe, Pimbury*—15.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10:45 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 26th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar."

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all papers connected with charges made against the Superintendent, in regard to the management of Lunatic Asylum. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Morrison* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Davis* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Will a Court of Assize and *Nisi Prius* be held in *Cassiar* this year; and if so, about what period will such Court be held?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"A Court will be held; but I am unable at present to state the date."

Mr. *Williams* asked the Ministry the following Question:—

When will work on the Cofferdam contract, *Esquimalt Dock*, be commenced?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"I am informed, by the gentleman in charge, that the work will be commenced as soon as the working plans are completed."

Mr. *Pimbury* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Has any person or persons applied to the Government for a lease of timber land along the north shore of *Malaspina Straits*; if so, has the said timber lease been granted, and to whom, for how long a period, on what terms and conditions, what quantity of land, and have the terms and conditions been complied with?

Also, whether the Government have any information that the land, or any part of it, has been stripped of valuable timber, without the conditions stipulated in the lease having been complied with?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"Yes; Mr. *Robert P. Rithet* has been granted a Lease for timber cutting purposes on the shore of *Malaspina Straits*, North of *Grief Point*.

"The Lease covers 11886 acres for a term of twenty-one years, dating from the 31st January, 1874.

"The principal terms and conditions are as follows, viz.:—

"A Mill to be erected, capable of cutting not less than than Twenty-five thousand feet of lumber per diem, before the 12th August, 1877.

"A rent of one cent per acre, per annum in advance.

"I am not in a position at present to state whether the terms and conditions have been complied with or not. I have no information as to whether any part of this land has been stripped of valuable timber or not."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and amendments thereto," was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, in line one of Section 1 of the Bill, the date "1873," be substituted for the date "1872."

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—That the word "five" in the second line of sub-Section b. of Section 8 be struck out and the word "ten" inserted in lieu thereof.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe* seconded by Mr. *Evans* it was *Resolved*,—

That sub-Sections b. and c., Section 8, be struck out

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order, for the second reading of a Bill (No. 4) intituled the "Coal Mining Regulation Act," was discharged.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without reporting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with Amendments.

Ordered that the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to make Debts and Choses in action assignable at Law," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That this House at its rising do stand adjourned until to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to make provision as to investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and powers of Trustees and Executors," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5:45 o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, 27th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition signed by *Charles J. Seghers*, and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of *Victoria*, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Papers relating to the non-payment, in full, of Dominion subsidy on 1st January, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Further Paper relating to applications to the Dominion Government for advances, under Act No. 4, of the Statutes of 1875, (accidentally omitted from the papers dated 13th April, and presented to the House on the 15th April, 1876.) (*See Sessional Papers*).

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Vowell*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the relative claims of owners of cattle and sheep pastured on the public lands, and to report as to the most desirable mode of protecting cattle owners from the disadvantages of having flocks of sheep pastured immediately in their vicinity; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Tolmie*, *Smith*, *Vowell*, *Smithe*, and *W. M. Brown*.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax."

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House of all correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Arbitrator or Arbitrators, from 1st February, 1876, in reference to Messrs. *Tolmie's* and *Finlayson's* land, *Esquimalt*.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for all Correspondence and Orders in Council (if any) respecting the removal of Mr. *A. W. Smith*, Government Agent at *Lilloet*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Vowell,
Fisher,
Tolmie,
Ash,
Williams,*

*Elliott,
Humphreys,
Beaven,
W. Brown,
Bryden,*

*Smithe,
Morrison,
Dickinson,
Smith,*

*E. Brown,
Vernon,
Douglas,
Pimbury.—18.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Walkem,
Armstrong,*

Gallagher,

Davie,

Evans.—5.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, pursuant to Resolution, introduced a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on Goods carried over the trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Morrison,
Vernon,
Beaven,
Bryden,
Douglas,*

*Smith,
Mara,
Vowell,
E. Brown,
Dickinson,*

*W. Brown,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Williams,*

*Humphreys,
Smithe,
Pimbury,
Fisher.—18.*

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Walkem,
Armstrong,*

*Ash,
Gallagher,*

Davie,

Evans.—6.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Bryden,
Douglas,
Mara,
Vernon,
Vowell,*

*E. Brown,
Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,*

*Elliott,
Davie,
Morrison,
Evans,*

*Humphreys,
Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—17.*

NAYS:
Messieurs

Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,

Gallagher,

Williams.—5.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, That Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," be read a third time.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*,—That the order for the third reading of the "Municipality Amendment Act, 1876," be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amending Sections 11, 12, 14, by providing that in every Municipality where there is a Police Magistrate, the members of the Municipal Police Force shall be appointed by and hold their offices at the pleasure of a Board consisting of the Police Magistrate, Mayor, and County Court Judge of the district in which the Municipality is situate; that in the event of a vacancy either in the office of County Court Judge or Police Magistrate, or the neglect or refusal of the incumbents of either of these offices to act, the Municipal Council shall appoint one or two persons resident within the Municipality to be members of the Board during such vacancy.

That the Police force within such Municipalities shall consist of a Chief Constable and as many Constables and other officers and assistants as the Municipal Council deem necessary; but not less in number than the Board reports to be absolutely required. That the Board shall be empowered to make such regulations as may be necessary for the government of the Police force, and for rendering it efficient. That the Police within the Municipality shall obey and be subject to the government of the Board.

That the Council of such Municipality shall pay such remuneration to the Municipal Police, provide a lock-up for prisoners, a suitable barrack-room, arms, accoutrements and uniform for the Police, as may be required by the Board.

That until a Board of Police is organized, the Mayor or Warden, or Police Magistrate, to have power to suspend any member of the Police, and if he considers the suspended officer deserves dismissal he shall so report to the Municipal Council, who may then dismiss or restore to office, after the period of suspension has expired.

That the Police of any Municipality may, within its limits, be under the direction of the Superintendent of Police of the Province.

That the Board shall have power to summon and examine witnesses on oath, in all matters connected with the administration of their duties.

A debate having arisen, the same was adjourned until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 9:55 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 28th April, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Pimbury*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was Resolved,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the method of granting Timber Leases, and to examine the conditions and stipulations contained in certain Leases already granted.

The following Members were named to form the Committee:—

Messrs. *Pimbury*, *W. M. Brown*, *Tolmie*, *Fisher*, *Smithe*, and the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*.

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Have the different Municipalities duly forwarded to the Government of British Columbia Returns of Taxes and Income received by such Municipalities respectively,

and of moneys expended by such Municipalities, and also of such other matters as are contemplated by Section 29 of Act No. 35, 1872; Section 50 of Act No. 5, 1873; Section 12 of Act No. 15, 1874, and if any Municipalities have failed to send in such Returns, which Municipalities are they?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* deferred his reply to the Question.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Beaven,
Douglas,
Smith,
Mara,

Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,
Dickinson,

W. Brown,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Morrison,

Williams,
Humphreys,
Fisher,
Pimbury—16.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Bryden,

Gallagher,

Davie,

Evans,—5.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p. m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 1st May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Davie*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

Mr. *Bryden* moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"A Select Committee be appointed to consider, and report to this House, upon the best means to be adopted to prevent the spread of the Chinese evil; said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Smith*, *Davie*, *Smithe*, *Beaven*, *Dickinson*, and *Bryden*."

The Amendment was put, and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Bryden,
Vernon,
E. Brown,

Dickinson,
W. M. Brown,
Tolmie,

Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Smithe,
Pimbury—11.

NAYS:
Messieurs

*Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,
Ash,*

*Douglas,
Gallagher,
Smith,*

*Mara,
Vowell,
Davie,*

*Evans,
Williams,
Fisher.—13.*

The original Motion was put and carried.

Ordered, That the House do resolve itself into such Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition of the Members of the Corporation of the City of *Victoria*, dated 27th April, 1876.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the following Committee appointed to confer:—Messrs. *Elliott, Bryden, Dickinson, Mara, and Evans*.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to leave, Mr. *Walkem* introduced a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873.'"

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at one o'clock, until half-past two o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Messrs. *Kinnipie and Morris*, and Messrs. *Reed Bros.*, respecting the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, since 1st February, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Davie* asked the Honourable the Premier the following Question:—

Have the different Municipalities duly forwarded to the Government of British Columbia Returns of Taxes and Income received by such Municipalities respectively, and of moneys expended by such Municipalities, and also of such other matters as are contemplated by Section 29 of Act No. 35, 1872; Section 50 of Act No. 5, 1873; Section 12 of Act No. 15, 1874, and if any Municipalities have failed to send in such Returns, which Municipalities are they?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"In 1874, *Chilliwack, North Cowichan, and Langley* did not give the Trade and Liquor License Returns. *Salt Spring Island* sent none at all. *Victoria* sent no Assessment Roll.

"In 1875, *Maple Ridge, Langley, Salt Spring Island, New Westminster, Nanaimo, and Chilliwack* did not give Trade and Liquor License Returns. *Victoria, Maple Ridge, Salt Spring Island, Langley, and New Westminster* sent no Assessment Roll.

"All sent Financial Statements, for both years, except *Salt Spring Island*."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Wednesday next.

The third reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipality Act, 1872,' and Amendments thereto," was postponed to Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect tolls on goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:50 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Committee to which Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others," was referred.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Davie*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to impose, levy, and collect Tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No 22) intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Breeding Stock," was considered.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the words "Provided always that rams may run at large with the flocks they belong to, but not otherwise, from November 1st to December 15th, in each year," be added at the end of Section 8, after the word "years."

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act for giving to the parties to Civil Causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Mara* moved that Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle, and for the better prevention of cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia," be now read a second time.

Mr. *Smith* moved in amendment,—

That the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

Amendment put and negatived

Original Motion put and carried.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated, in amendment of his reply to Mr. *Davie's* Question on Monday last,—

"*Victoria* did supply the Assessment Roll for 1874."

And then the House adjourned at 4:50 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 3rd May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented a Petition from *H. Campbell*, and others.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Morrison* presented a Petition from *Coote M. Chambers*, and others.
The Petition was referred to the Select Committee on the Resolution respecting *Ogden Point* lands.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying that the Trust Deed, Deed of Confirmation, and Letters Patent constituting the Cemetery Board, and on file in the Land Registry Office, be sent down to this House. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Beaven* reported, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, respecting Rules 48 and 58.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Davie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Rules 48 and 58, so far as regards the periods of time respectively therein mentioned, be suspended during the remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*,—

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to make better provision for the Fencing of Land."

The Motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *W. M. Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas a Resolution, passed on the 18th ultimo, requesting that a letter registered in the Lands and Works Department, No. 2 651, be sent down to this House; and whereas said letter has not been sent down to this House as ordered; the reason given by the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works being that he had been unable to discover the letter in his department; be it therefore *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed with power to examine persons and papers and report to this House the circumstances connected with the disappearance of said letter; said Committee to be composed of the following members, viz.:—Messrs. *Fisher*, *Smith*, *Pimbury*, *Vowell*, *Brown*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts'."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Honour may be pleased to send down to this House all Correspondence between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and *Wm. Manson*, *Archibald Mc Kinley* and *Patrick Gannon*, in connection with a Lease of Pastoral Land granted to them.

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, seconded by Mr. *Vowell*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the mode of payment and manner and circumstances connected with the entry by the Treasury of

\$600, paid to Mr. *DeCosmos* as commission for borrowing \$30,000 from Sir *James Douglas*, with power to call for and examine books, documents and persons. Committee to consist of Messrs. *Dickinson, Douglas, Bryden, Smithe and Fisher*.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the third reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipality Act, 1872," and amendments thereto," was resumed.

Order for the third reading discharged.

Ordered to be recommitted forthwith, for the purpose of considering certain amendments thereto, proposed by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott, Mr. Beaven, and Mr. Pimbury*, respectively.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with certain amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873," was read a second time.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again,

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 4th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for all Correspondence and Orders in Council, respecting the transfer of certain Public Reserves and Public Buildings, by the Dominion Government, to the Province of British Columbia. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,—

A Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying for Returns of Lands applied for, or now held, for timber cutting purposes; giving reasons for refusal when applications for land for such purposes have not been granted, and showing date, and term of lease, with name of lessee, also conditions of lease; together with all other information, in possession of the Land Office, on the subject of timber cutting leases. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Also, an Approximate Statement of amounts due on Lands in *New Westminster District*, and *Komloops Division of Yale District*, and in *Vancouver Island*, and Islands in the *Gulf of Georgia*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle, and for the better prevention of cattle stealing on the Mainland of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without report.

The second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, to be known as the 'Cassiar District,' with one representative," was postponed.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:15 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 5th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Victoria*.

The Petition was referred to the Select Committee on the Resolution respecting *Ogden Point Lands*.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Gallagher,
Smith,
Mara,
Vernon,

Vowell,
E. Brown,
Dickinson,
W. Brown,

Tolmie,
Elliott,
Morrison,
Humphreys,

Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—15.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Bryden,

Douglas,
Davie,

Williams,
Evans.—9.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

A Report, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Deputation from the Corporation of *Victoria*, was laid on the Table. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 10:55 p.m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 8th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Report from the Select Committee on the carrying out of the Resolution respecting Crown Lands at *Ogden Point*.

The Report was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the third) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House will, to-morrow, proceed to consider the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of this Session.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:55 p. m., until half-past two o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The second reading of a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Public School Acts," was postponed to Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

A point of Order having arisen in the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and decided that the following Motion, made by Mr. *Smith*, namely:—"That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to impose a tax of Ten dollars per *capita*, per annum, on every male of eighteen years of age, who wears long hair in shape of a tail or queue, residing in the Province of British Columbia," was not in order.

The House again resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vocell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Election Regulation Act, 1871.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:55 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 9th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the fourth) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Ordered, That a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada," be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker stated that he, yesterday, decided that the Motion of Mr. *Smith*, made in Committee of the Whole on the Chinese question, was not in order, on the ground that it could not properly be made without the previous recommendation of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker's decision was sustained, on appeal to the House, on the following division:—

YEAS :
Messieurs

Walkem,
Armstrong,
Ash,
Bryden,
Douglas,

Gallagher,
Mara,
Vernon,
Vowell,
E. Brown,

Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Morrison,

Evans,
Williams,
Humphreys,
Fisher.—20.

NAYS :
Messieurs

Beaven,

Smith,

Smithe,

Pimbury.—4.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session.

And a Motion being made,

That a supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into Committee to consider that Motion.

Ordered, That that part of His Honour's Speech which relates to a Supply be referred to the said Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of taking some steps towards preventing the country from being flooded with a Mongolian population, ruinous to the best interests of British Columbia, particularly her labouring classes.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported—

That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient for the Government to take some steps (at as early a day as possible) to prevent this Province being overrun with a Chinese population to the injury of the settled population of the country.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:25 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Wednesday, 10th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Tolmie* presented a Report from the Select Committee to consider the relative claims of the owners of cattle and sheep pastured on public lands. (*See Sessional Papers*).
Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report to the House upon all matters relating to the selection and acquisition of, and arbitration connected with, the Dock site at *Esquimalt*. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Elliott*, *Vernon*, *Walkem*, *Williams*, *Evans*, and *Fisher*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Paper relating to a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence, including telegrams, if any, respecting the *Esquimalt* Dock, which may have passed between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or between any member of or person authorized by the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, or any person or persons whomsoever. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill, (No. 33) intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and amendments."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act for the management of Public Parks," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments; and that he had been instructed to report that Mr. *Brayn* had moved the following Amendment:—

"No tax shall be levied or collected under this Act in any Municipality where the same description of tax is levied by the Municipal authorities."

And that the same was negatived, on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. *Beaven, Ash, Douglas.*—3.

NAYS—Messrs. *Walkem, Armstrong, Gallagher, Smith, Mara, Vernon, Vowell, Dickinson, E. Brown, Tolmie, W. Brown, Elliott, Davie, Morrison, Evans, Williams, Humphreys, Fisher, Smith, Pimbury.*—20.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee on Resolution respecting *Ogden Point Lands* be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 p. m., until 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 11th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, which was read, received, and Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-monthly mail between *O'Keefe's* Post Office, head of *Okanagan Lake* and *Okanagan Mission*.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of establishing a semi-monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Cassiar* in the summer months, and monthly mails between the above places in the winter season.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was Resolved,—

That, to-morrow, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to assess, levy, and collect taxes on property in British Columbia," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Select Committee on Resolution respecting *Ogden Point Lands* was considered.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of the several Charters, and of all agreements or correspondence, referring to the *Forks of Quesnelle Bridge*, and to the renewal of the lease thereof to the present lessee, Mr. *Barry*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of mechanics, labourers, and others."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 10:55 p.m., until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Friday, 12th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Brown* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Gallagher*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first and second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:5 p.m., until half-past seven o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1876, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*).

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Victoria, May 12th, 1876.*

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Motion proposed,—“That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.”

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having been read,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith, and considered on Monday next.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Methodist Church of Canada."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to establish Liens in favour of Mechanics, Labourers, and others."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,' and amendments," was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Saturday, 13th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smithe* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Tariff question, and to draft an Address to the Dominion Government. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Report was read, received, *Ordered* to be printed, and considered on Monday next.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report to this House upon all matters relating to the selection and acquisition of, and arbitration connected with, the Dock site at *Esquimalt*.

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers*).

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of copies of the following Papers relating to the Dock site at *Esquimalt*:—

- (a.) The Award of the Arbitrators;
- (b.) Letters of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works;
- (c.) Messrs. *Drake & Jackson's* letter, with claim of Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report (being the fifth) from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Report was received.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorize the issue of Debentures for short temporary loans."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose

of considering a Bill intituled "An Act to explain and amend the 'Cemetery Ordinance, 1870.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Douglas, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without report.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, it was Resolved,—

That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to amend said Bill, and report. The Committee to consist of Messrs. Walkem, Davie, Smith, Williams, and W. Brown.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:55 p.m., until 11 o'clock on Monday next.

Monday, 15th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

On the motion of Mr. Vowell, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, it was Resolved,—

That whereas the miners and settlers residing in the district of Kootenay, owing to the isolation of their position and their proximity to the United States boundary, cannot rely upon this Province for protection in case of any outbreak among the aborigines, and are powerless to protect themselves from depredations committed by any evilly disposed persons in the absence of an organized Mounted Police force; therefore, be it resolved:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the immediate necessity of carrying out the recommendation of Major-General E. Selby Smyth, commanding the Militia of Canada, by the establishment of a Mounted Police post at Joseph's Prairie, or some other suitable location in the district of Kootenay, with a view to the security of the life and property of all classes of the community, and to encourage the further development of the stock-raising and farming interests of this extensive and important agricultural and mining section of British Columbia.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for a Return of copies of Papers relating to the Dock site at Esquimalt. (See Sessional Papers).

Mr. Ash moved, seconded by Mr. Bryden,—

That, in the event of the lands reserved for Railway purposes on the East Coast of Vancouver Island reverting to the Province, it is the opinion of this House that the claims of *bonâ fide* agricultural settlers should be respected.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Beaven,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the frequent violation of the Contract, in respect of the Mail Service between Victoria and San Francisco, by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Mr. Beaven moved in Amendment,—

That all the words after "will," in the second line, be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:—"request the Dominion Government to enquire into the manner in which the Contract in respect to the Mail Service between Victoria and San Francisco is being carried out."

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

Mr. Ash moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong,—

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital and Provincial Insane Asylum be adopted.

Mr. Speaker stated that, although it had been customary to adopt the Reports of Select Committees, he thought the better practice was that they should simply be received, and lie on the Table.

Mr. Ash asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question:

What is the date of the Letters Patent revoking or altering the original grant to the Trustees of the *New Westminster Cemetery*?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"No Letters Patent exist, but a fresh Commission, revoking a previous one, was granted, dated the 21st April, 1876."

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Committee of the Whole to consider the Motion "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in their Resolution "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On the Motion being proposed, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:45 p. m., until half-past two o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The debate on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" was resumed.

Mr. Wulkem moved in amendment,

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following inserted:—"this House deeply regrets that the Government should in their published Statement of the 5th February, 1876, (purporting to show the Liabilities and Assets of the Province,) have deemed it proper to omit from the Assets the claim of the Province against the Dominion for a reimbursement of money expended in respect of the Esquimaux Graving Dock, thereby seriously imperilling, if not virtually surrendering, such claim, and also placing the Province in a false financial position."

The debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6 o'clock p. m., until 11 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 16th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the Motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" was resumed.

The Amendment of Mr. Wulkem was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Wulkem,
Armstrong,
Beaven,

Ash,
Bryden,

Douglas,
Gallagher,

Williams,
Evans.—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*E. Brown,
Dickinson,
W. Brown,
Elliott,*

*Fisher,
Humphreys,
Mara,
Morrison,*

*Smithe,
Vowell,
Smith,*

*Vernon,
Tolmie,
Pimbury.—14.*

The original Motion was put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Walkem, Mr. Mara was unanimously elected Chairman of Committees of Supply and Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department, for the year 1876.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,030 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the year 1876.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Branch, for the year 1876.
4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,260 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the year 1876.
5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the year 1876.
6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,320 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the year 1876.
7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,410 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the year 1876.
8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year 1876.
9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the year 1876.
10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Sheriffs, for the year 1876.
11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,424 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the year 1876.
12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,832 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the year 1876.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,404 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the year 1876.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,812 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the year 1876.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,908 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the year 1876.
16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the year 1876.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the year 1876.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,728 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the year 1876.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the year 1876.
20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1876.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Collector of Tolls, *Clinton*, for the year 1876.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$525 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Revenue Services (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the year 1876.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,650 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1876.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year 1876.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the year 1876.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$144 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the year 1876.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the year 1876.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year 1876.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the year 1876.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,328 70 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the year 1876.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,946 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the year 1876.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:30 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,632 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges throughout the Province, for the year 1876.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by his Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Supplementary Estimate to provide for the Expenditure of the year 1877, for which no vote was granted, which he recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers*).

Government House,

Victoria, 16th May, 1876.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Supplementary Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That the House will, forthwith, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,558 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Graving Dock, *Esquimalt*, for the year 1876.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,845 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1876.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Municipalities, for the year 1876.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$52,735 34 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of sums expended in 1875, being either arrears of previous years, or in excess of vote for 1875, or for which no vote was taken.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 1876.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again, and also reported,—

That the sum of \$500, for Public Cemetery, *New Westminster*, was carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Messrs. *E. Brown, W. Brown, Bryden, Dickinson, Elliott, Fisher, Gallagher, Smith, Humphreys, Pimbury, Smithe, Tolmie, Vernon, Vowell*.—14.

Nays—Messrs. *Ash, Morrison, Beaven, Walkem, Evans, Williams*.—6.

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into Committee of Supply at its next sitting.

Resolved, That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorise the issue of Debentures for short temporary loans," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Licences Ordinance. 1867."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Public School Acts,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:45 a. m., until 2 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 17th May, 1876.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the three Reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were considered.

Reports adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a further Estimate of sums required for the year 1876, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Government House,
17th May, 1876.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the further Estimates transmitted therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Further Papers relating to the non-fulfilment by Canada of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Smith* presented a Report from the Select Committee, respecting Letter, registered 2,651, in the Lands and Works Department, *Victoria*, which was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,165 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses specified in the Further Estimates.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mura*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1876, the sum of \$719,592 20 be granted out of the Consoli-

dated Revenue Fund of British Columbia, and that a further sum of \$52,735 34, to make good the Expenditure defrayed by the Officer in Charge of the Treasury of the Province, from the 1st day of January to the 31st of December, 1875, as detailed in the Supplementary Estimates laid before the House on the 16th May, 1876, be granted, to be charged against the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

Ordered, That a Bill of Supply be introduced.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* introduced a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes."

Bill read a first time.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licenses Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the Year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the better protection of Cattle Ranges," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bryden*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced, and read a first time.

And then the House adjourned, at 5:50 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Vowell*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the Tariff question.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That the memorial submitted by the Select Committee on the Tariff question be adopted by this House, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion.

Mr. *Douglas* moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bryden*,—

That whereas the recommendation of the Select Committee on Tariff, proposes additional taxation upon the people, therefore be it not adopted.

The original Motion was put and carried, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>E. Brown,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Vowell,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>W. Brown,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—15.</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Dickinson.—6.</i>
<i>Bryden,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>		

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 11:55 p. m., until 11 o'clock on Thursday next.

Thursday, 18th May, 1876.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report from the Select Committee upon the method of granting Timber Leases. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Report was read, received, and *Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Report, from the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos*.

The Report was read, received, *Ordered* to be printed, and taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment,—

That the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

Amendment put and negatived.

Original Motion put and carried.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 12:55 p. m., until half-past 2 o'clock.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Smith* moved that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Motion was withdrawn, by leave of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without Report.

The Report of the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor DeCosmos*, was considered.

The Report was referred back to the Select Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Licences Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 4:10 p.m., until seven o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *Fisher* presented a Further Report from the Select Committee, relative to the payment of a commission to Mr. *Amor De Cosmos*. (*See Sessional Papers*).

The Further Report was read, and received on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Armstrong,
Beaven,
Ash,
Bryden,
Douglas,

Smith, R.,
Mara,
Vernon,
Brown, E.,
Dickinson,

Brown, W.,
Tolmie,
Elliott,
Evans,
Williams,

Humphreys,
Fisher,
Smithe,
Pimbury.—19.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Walkem,

Gallagher.—2.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair. Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until half past two o'clock to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Tolmie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the evidence, taken before the Select Committee on *Ogden Point Lands*, be printed, and bound with the Sessional Papers of 1876.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Evans*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Report of Messrs. *Kinipple & Morris*, under date October, 1874, on the *Esquimalt Dock*, be printed, and bound with the Sessional Papers of 1876.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House copies of the correspondence, between the Government and residents of *New Westminster*, on the subject of the appointment of Trustees of the Cemetery of *New Westminster*, of the Deed of appointment, and of all subsequent correspondence on the subject of the alteration of the terms of the original Grant.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable the Attorney-General the following Question: Is it the intention of the Government to collect the Road Tax this year?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"Any Road Tax that may be due will be collected."

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to renew the Charter for the *Kootenay Ferry*?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The Charter expires on the 1st July next. The Government have not as yet considered the subject of its renewal or otherwise."

Mr. *Fisher* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:—

Whether, during the year 1875, application was made for a Land or Timber Grant at or in the vicinity of *Waddington, Bute Inlet*; and, if so, by whom, and at what date; also, the nature of such application?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"Application was made on the 22nd September, 1875, by Mr. *A. DeCosmos*, acting as Attorney in fact for Mr. *Dulip* of *San Francisco*, for a Crown Grant of the townsite at the head of *Bute Inlet*."

And then the House adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Friday, 19th May, 1876.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair.

The Clerk of the House read the Titles of the following Bills:—

An Act respecting the challenging and number of Jurors in Civil Cases.

An Act to amend and explain the "Execution against Lands Act, 1874."

An Act to provide for the service of legal process on Foreign Companies carrying on business in British Columbia.

An Act to make Debts and Choses in action assignable at Law.

An Act respecting Voluntary Conveyances.

An Act to make provision as to Investment of Trust Funds, and appointment and Powers of Trustees and Executors.

An Act to amend the "Land Act, 1875."

An Act to provide for the maintenance of the Waggon Road from Yale to Cariboo.

An Act to make better provision for the Qualification and Registration of Voters.

An Act to impose, levy, and collect Tolls on Goods carried over the Trail from Telegraph Creek to the Mines in the District of Cassiar.

An Act to provide for the maintenance of Public Schools in the Province of British Columbia.

An Act respecting Breeding Stock.

An Act for giving to the parties to Civil Causes in the Supreme Court the option of having such causes tried by a Judge or Jury.

An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1872," and Amendments thereto.

An Act respecting Boundary Fences and Water Courses.

An Act to amend the "Power of Attorney Act, 1875."

An Act to amend the "Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1873."

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His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give the Royal assent to these Bills.

The same was announced, by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then, the Honourable the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *British Columbia*, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1876, and for making good certain sums expended in the Public Service in 1875, and for other purposes."

To this Bill, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

The Session now closing has, owing to political changes, been protracted far beyond the usual period, and I thank you for the time you have cheerfully bestowed in the interests of the country when your labours must of necessity have been urgently needed in your own personal affairs elsewhere.

It affords me much pleasure to state that the Telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and recently laid before you, relative to the settlement of the long vexed question of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is of a hopeful character, and leads me to expect that at no distant day this matter will be settled to the satisfaction of the people of the Province.

I regard with satisfaction the amendments made to the Municipality Acts, particularly with reference to those clauses relating to the appointment of Police Magistrates and the proper Administration of Justice.

I congratulate you upon the consolidation of the various School Acts, and earnestly hope that your legislation in this respect will tend to spread the system of public education throughout the Province, and may conduce to the welfare in after life of the young now in our midst.

I am hopeful that the Government of the Dominion may speedily concur in the view taken by this Government with reference to the advances to be made to this Province by them in connection with the construction of the Graving Dock.

The condition of the Province rendered it necessary to re-impose to some extent the Tolls on the Trunk Road to Cariboo, as well as to raise funds by a light tax on real and personal property.

It was important to supplement these Acts with power to borrow money on Debentures secured on the General Revenue of the Province.

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the supply granted for the requirements of the Public Service. The same, I may assure you, shall be expended with the utmost care and economy.

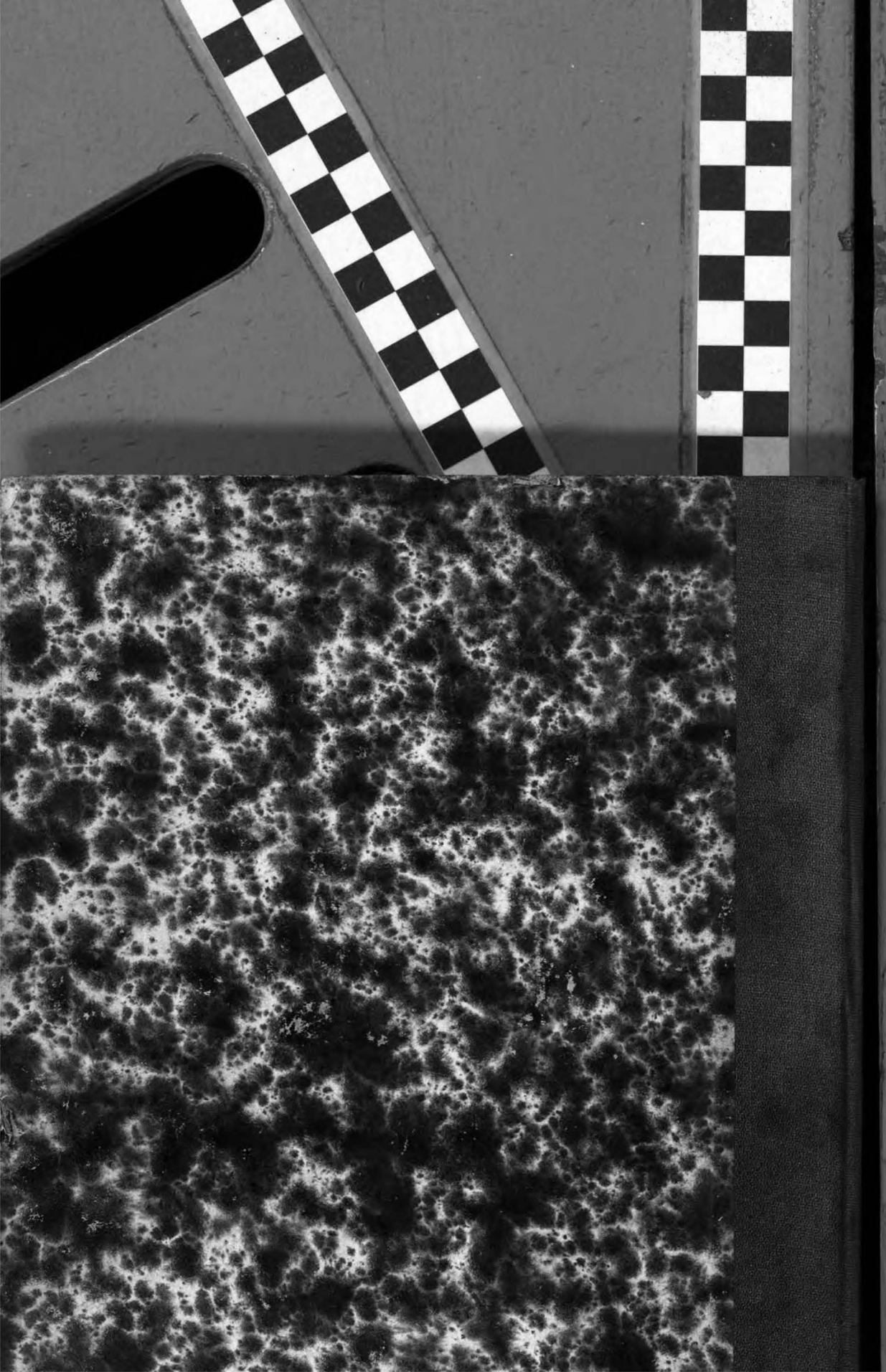
I thankfully acknowledge the attention which you have bestowed on the various measures submitted to you during this Session, and confidently trust that the Acts assented to will tend to promote the best interests of the Province.

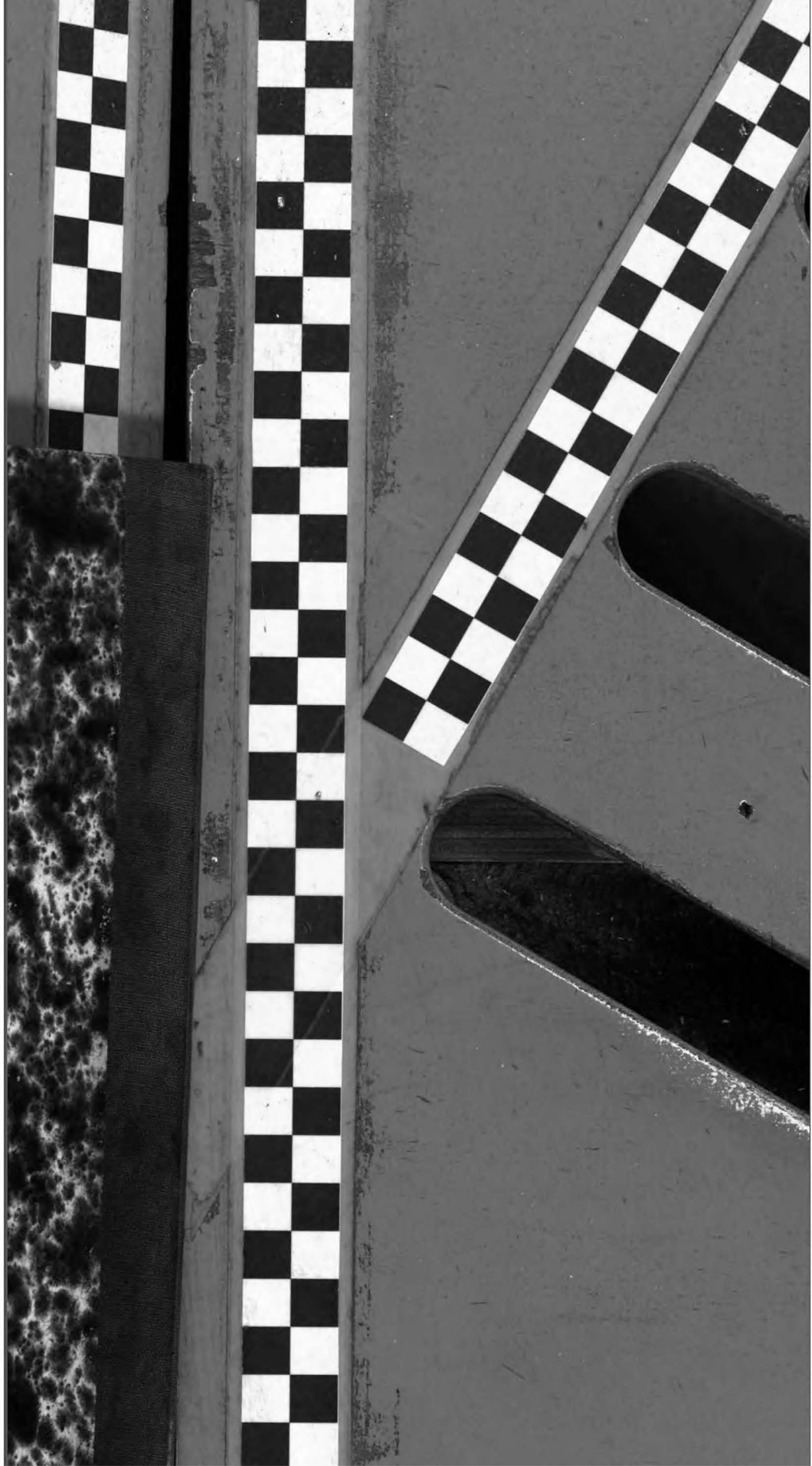
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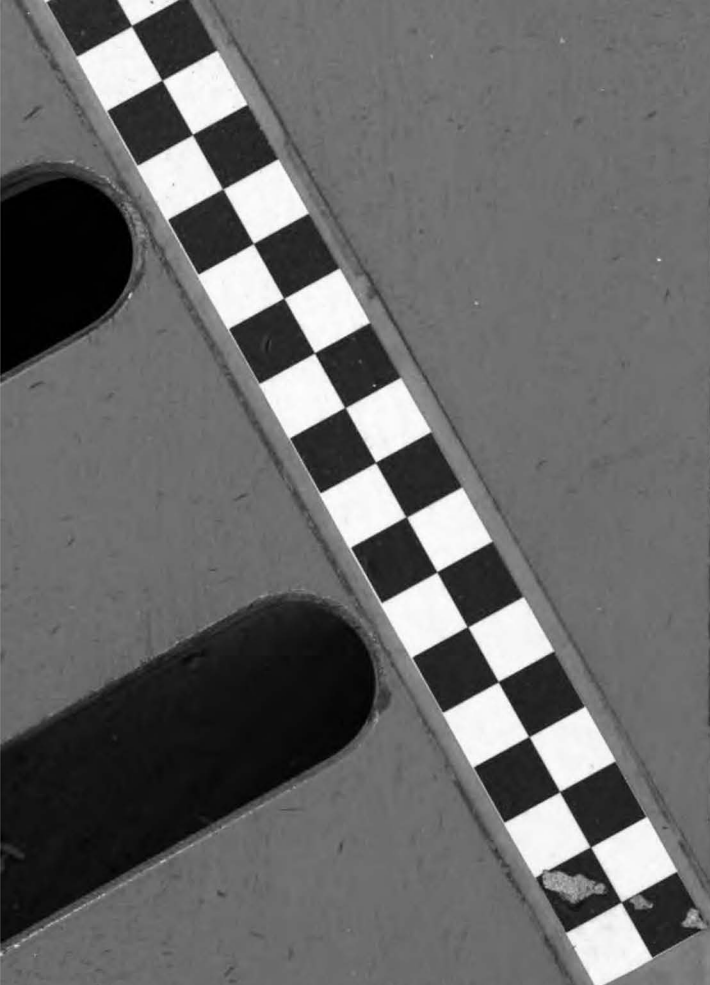
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the Twentieth day of July next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the Twentieth day of July next.

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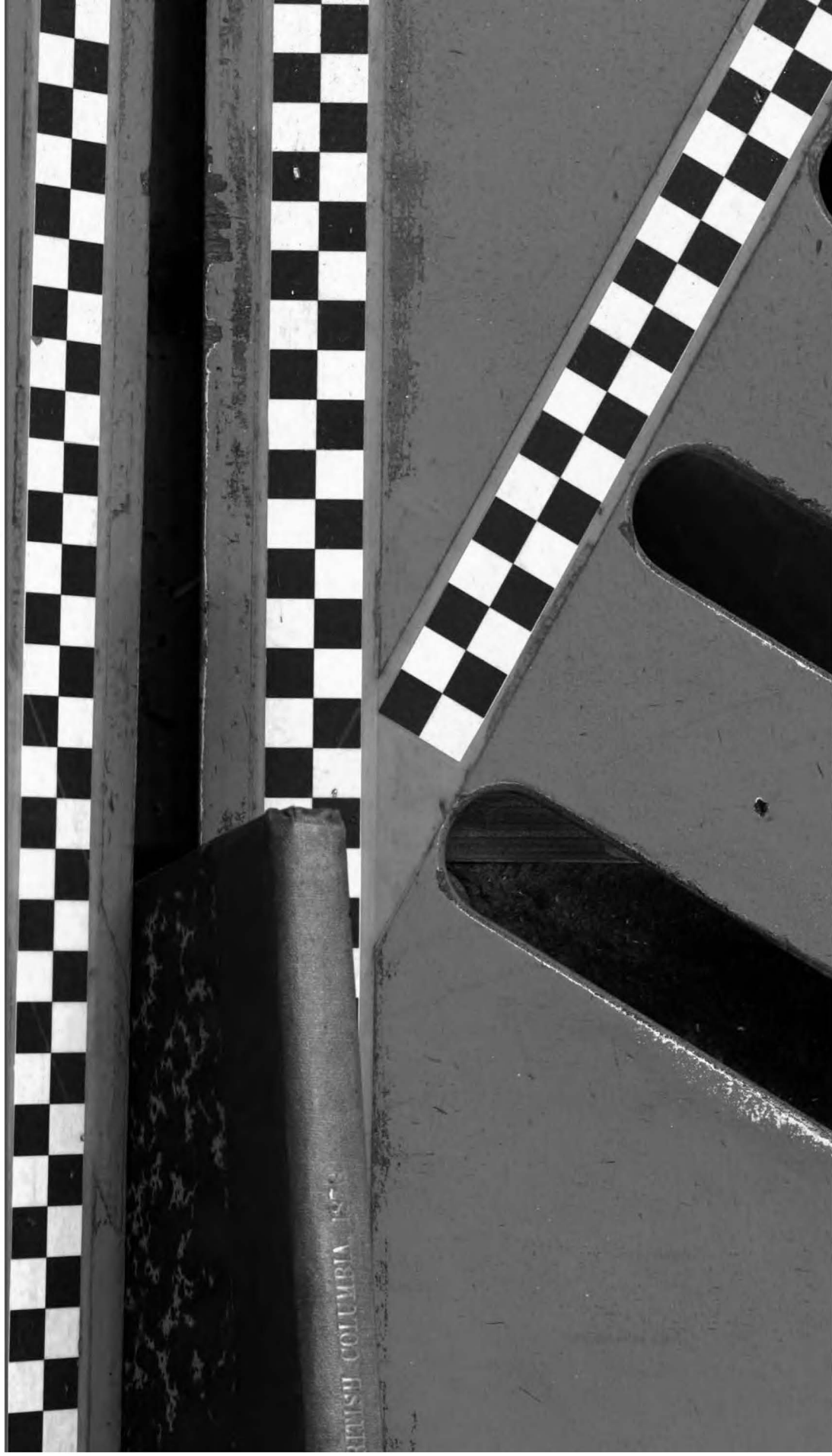




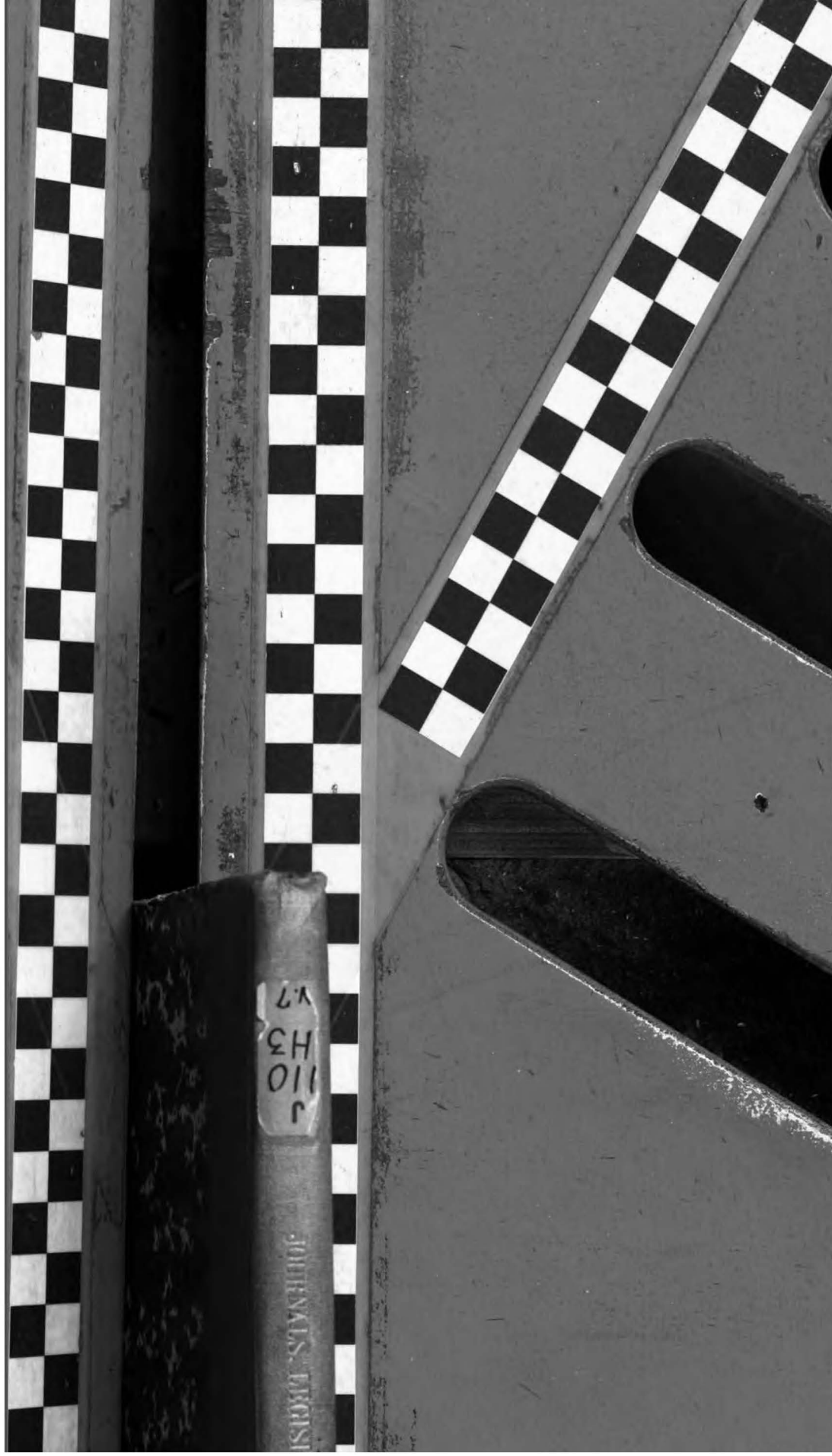


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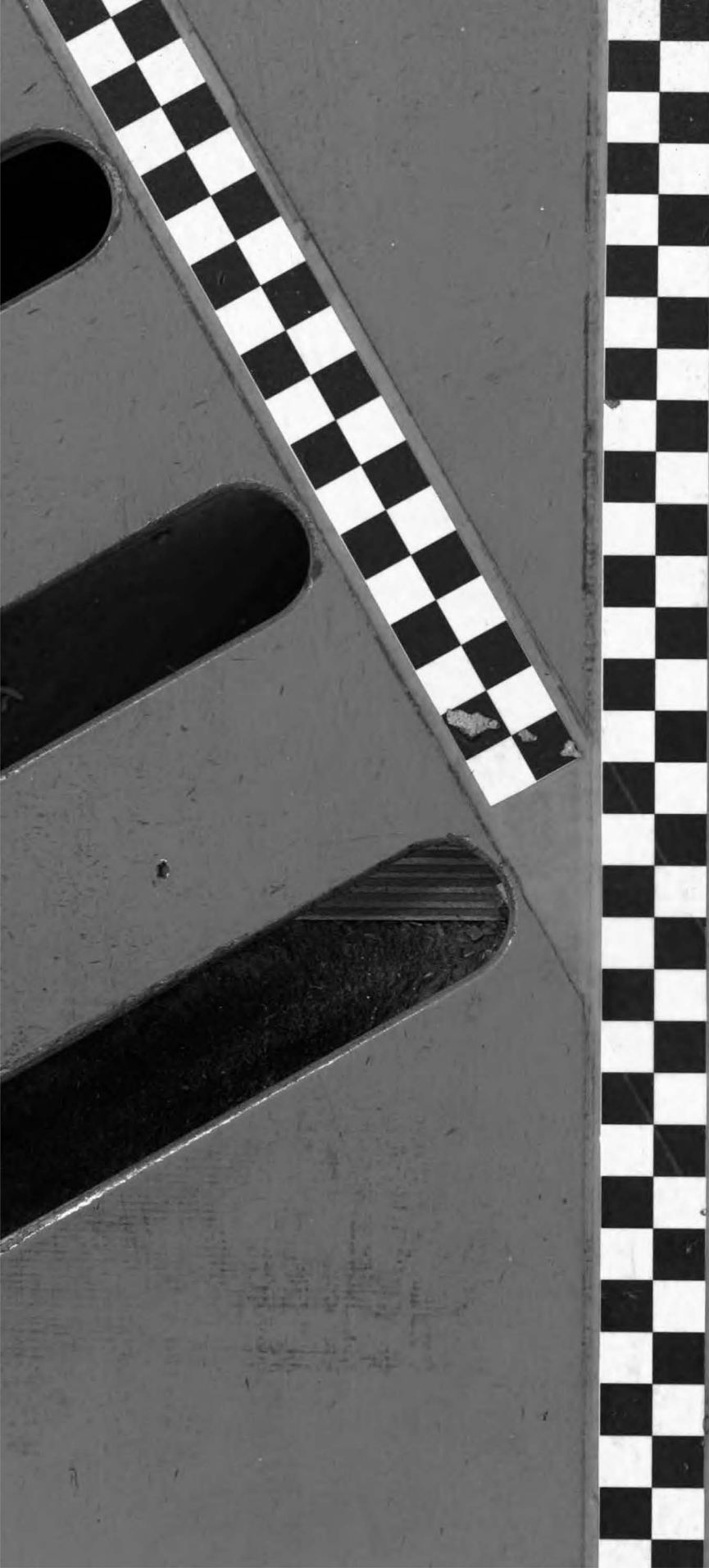






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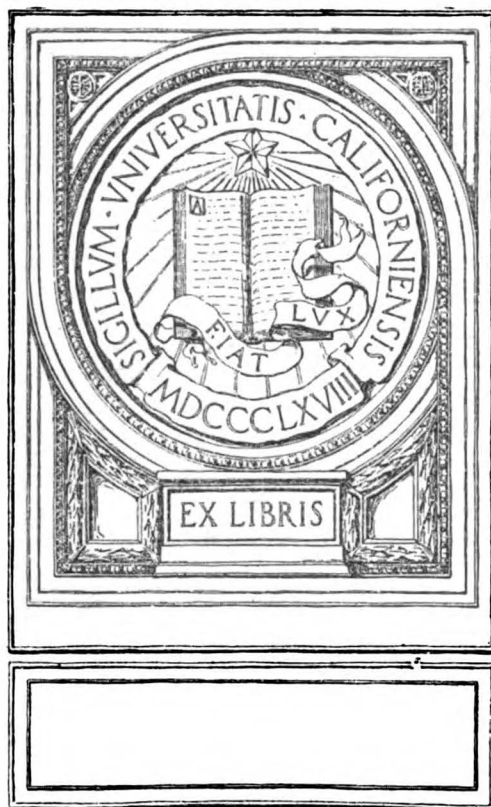


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A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and to all whom it may concern,—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } **W**HEREAS we have thought fit, by and with the advice and
Attorney-General. } consent of Our Executive Council of Our said Province of
British Columbia, to prorogue the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, till the
Twentieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

NOW KNOW YE that We do for that end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby prorogue the Legislative Assembly accordingly, until the TWENTIETH day of JUNE, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTIETH day of JUNE next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of the said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Eighteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
 QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twentieth day of June instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
 Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
 Twentieth day of June instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held
 and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of AUGUST next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Ninth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
 QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
 Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
 Twenty-third day of August instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were
 held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of OCTOBER next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Eleventh day of August, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty-fifth day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—
GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
Twenty-fifth day of October instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were
held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of NOVEMBER next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twelfth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,
Deputy Registrar Supreme Court.

PROCLAMATIONS.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty-ninth day of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A: C. ELLIOTT, } **W**HEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
 Twenty-ninth day of November instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you
 were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTIETH day of DECEMBER next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twenty-third day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,

Acting Registrar Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Thursday, the Twentieth day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Thursday, the
 Twentieth day of December instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were
 held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Fifteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,
Acting Registrar Supreme Court

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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SESSION, 1878.

Thursday, 7th February, 1878.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of his Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 15th day of December, 1877.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

At the opening of this the third Session of the second term of our Provincial Legislature, it affords me much pleasure to congratulate you on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia.

The past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

The exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, must be a source of great satisfaction to you, as it is to me. It is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to your wisdom, no less than to your generosity, in

supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to you last Session, having for its object the establishment on a permanent basis of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

The Railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia, is, I hope, on the eve of attaining that desirable position. The Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province. The correspondence will be submitted to you.

The loan which my Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized, and the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition. The correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to you.

The Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak. Many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves. I have communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

The Inland Fisheries have been greatly extended during the past year, with very satisfactory results, and that industry has now assumed an importance that cannot be over-estimated as a valuable source of wealth to the Province. In the absence of Provincial authority to deal with questions relating to Fisheries, I have communicated with the Government at Ottawa with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

With reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, I regret to say that the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia. I have, therefore, made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that I may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province. Papers relating to this question will be laid before you.

Our public schools have continued steadily to advance their usefulness, the attendance throughout the Province generally, including the High School established in this city, has very much increased during the past year. The necessity for the erection of new and enlargement of old school houses may be taken as indicative of desirable progress and extension of settlement in the country.

The reclamation of the rich lands on the Fraser, at present subject to the overflow of that river, has engaged the attention of my Ministers. Various propositions having reference to dyking these lands have been submitted to me by persons interested in the work. Obstacles beset the enterprise, which I hope will shortly be overcome, and the District and the Province be made to reap the full benefit of the natural fertility of the Fraser Valley.

The coal and lumber industries have been subjected during the past season to adverse circumstances. The decline in the price of coal in the San Francisco market has had a somewhat depressing influence upon the trade at Nanaimo. The exportation for the year has, however, fully equalled that of last year, and the prospect for the business of the future is again, to some extent, brightening.

Owing to the unusually early close of the mining season at Cassiar, and the diminished yield of the alluvial diggings at Cariboo, the produce of our gold fields has again fallen below that of former years.

The recent developments in our quartz mines, however, promise in the near future to restore the gold fields of British Columbia to their old position of pre-eminent importance. The yield of the future may be anticipated to increase steadily and rapidly. I trust the good already resulting from your wise legislation of last Session will induce you to support measures calculated to still further foster the development of quartz mining in the Province.

The Commissioners appointed, in conformity with the Act of last session, to revise and consolidate the laws of the Province, have finished their labours, and the Statutes are now ready to be laid before you in their new and improved form.

Important changes in many of the Electoral Districts have occurred since the framing of the "Constitution Act, 1871," and a more equitable representation of the people in your honourable Assembly is now urgently required. I purpose to submit for your consideration an Act to provide for a redistribution of seats and an increase of the number of members, which, however, is not intended to add to the present cost of legislation.

Necessary changes in the Mining laws will be submitted for your consideration.

A Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed. It is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

The Public Accounts will at once be laid before you, and estimates for the current year will be sent down to you at an early day.

I now leave you to your deliberations, in the confident belief that you will enter upon your duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, through the Clerk, that during the recess vacancies had occurred in the Assembly by *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, having accepted office under the Crown, and by *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, having died; and that he had issued Warrants to the Registrar of the Supreme Court to issue Writs to fill such vacancies, and that *George Cowan*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire; and that *Robert Leslie Thomas Galbraith*, Esquire, had been elected in the place of *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, deceased.

The Certificates of Election were read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

“Registrar's Office, February 1st, 1878.

“Whereas *Alexander Edmund Batson Davie*, Esquire, one of the members for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*, did, on or before the 15th day of May last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat in the House of Assembly.

“And whereas on the 16th day of May last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Henry Maynard Ball*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 9th day of July last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his Certificate attached, whereby it appears that *George Cowan*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Cariboo* in the Legislative Assembly.

“HENRY S. MASON,

“Acting Registrar Supreme Court.”

“SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

“Registrar's Office, February 1st, 1878.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly in consequence of the death of *William Cosgrove Milby*, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of *Kootenay*.

“And whereas on the 29th day of October last, a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent such District was duly issued to *Cornelius Booth*, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

“Now I do hereby certify that, on the 17th day of January last, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that *Robert Leslie Thomas Galbraith*, Esquire, has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, elected a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Kootenay* in the Legislative Assembly.

“HENRY S. MASON,

“Acting Registrar Supreme Court.”

Resolved, That the documents referring to the election of Messrs. *Cowan* and *Galbraith*, for the Electoral Districts of *Cariboo* and *Kootenay* respectively, be entered in the Journals of the House.

Messrs. *Cowan* and *Galbraith* having been duly sworn, were introduced and took their seats.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p.m.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, a Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having been first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees for this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;

2. On Public Accounts;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the construction of a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers in connection with the negotiation of a loan of £150,000, under the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877." (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, papers relating to the non-fulfilment by Canada of the Railway Clause of the Terms of Union. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia.

And then the House adjourned at 3.15, p.m.

Monday, 11th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Fisher* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour, to thank him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the third session of the second term of our Provincial Legislature, and to inform him that we are pleased at His Honour's congratulations on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia.

2. That we are aware that the past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

3. That we assure His Honour that the exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, is a source of great satisfaction to us, as it is to His Honour; and we thank His Honour for the expression, that it is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to our wisdom, no less than to our generosity, in supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to us last Session, having for its object the establishment on a permanent basis of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

4. That we cordially concur with His Honour in the hope that the Railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia is on the eve of attaining that desirable position; and we are pleased to hear that the Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province, and that correspondence on the subject will be submitted to us.

5. That we mark with satisfaction that the loan which His Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized; that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; and that the correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to us.

6. That we are pleased to learn that the Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak; that many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and that it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves; and that we are glad to be informed that His Honour has communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

7. That we are gratified to hear that the Inland Fisheries have been greatly extended during the past year, with very satisfactory results, and that that industry has now assumed an importance that cannot be over-estimated as a valuable source of wealth to the Province; and that in the absence of Provincial authority to deal with questions relating to Fisheries, His Honour has communicated with the Government at Ottawa with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

8. That we regret with His Honour that, with reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia; and we are glad to be informed that His Honour has therefore made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that His Honour may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province; and that papers relating to this question will be laid before us.

9. That it is satisfactory to find that our Public Schools have continued steadily to advance their usefulness; that the attendance throughout the Province generally, including the High School established in this city, has very much increased during the past year; and we agree with His Honour that the necessity for the erection of new and enlargement of old school houses may be taken as indicative of desirable progress and extension of settlement in the country.

10. That we are gratified to learn that the reclamation of the rich lands on the Fraser, at present subject to the overflow of that river, has engaged the attention of His Honour's Ministers; and that various propositions having reference to dyking these lands have been submitted to His Honour by persons interested in the work. We join with His Honour in the hope that the obstacles which beset the enterprise will shortly be overcome, and the District and the Province be made to reap the full benefit of the natural fertility of the Fraser Valley.

11. That we are aware that the coal and lumber industries have been subjected during the past season to adverse circumstances, and that the decline in the price of coal in the San Francisco market has had a somewhat depressing influence upon the trade at Nanaimo, but are pleased to hear that the exportation for the year has, however, fully equalled that of last year, and that the prospect for the business of the future is again, to some extent, brightening.

12. That we are aware that owing to the unusually early close of the mining season at Cassiar, and the diminished yield of the alluvial diggings at Cariboo, the produce of our gold fields has again fallen below that of former years.

But we hail with satisfaction that the recent developments in our quartz mines, however, promise in the near future to restore the gold fields of British Columbia to their old position of pre-eminent importance, and that the yield of the future may be anticipated to increase steadily and rapidly. We assure His Honour that the good already resulting from our wise legislation of last Session will induce us to support measures calculated to still further foster the development of quartz mining in the Province.

13. That we are pleased to hear that the Commissioners appointed, in conformity with the Act of last Session, to revise and consolidate the laws of the Province, have finished their labours, and that the Statutes are now ready to be laid before us in their new and improved form.

14. That we are aware that important changes in many of the Electoral Districts have occurred since the framing of the "Constitution Act, 1871," and a more equitable representation of the people in our honourable Assembly is now urgently required; and we are pleased to learn that His Honour proposes to submit for our consideration an Act to provide for a redistribution of seats and an increase of the number of members, which, however, is not intended to add to the present cost of legislation.

15. We hear with satisfaction that necessary changes in the Mining Laws will be submitted for our consideration; and that a Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed; and that it is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

16. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will at once be laid before us, and that estimates for the current year will be sent down to us at an early day.

17. That we thank His Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, His Honour has the confident belief that we will enter upon our duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

The first, second, third, and fourth clauses being again read, were agreed to.

The fifth clause being again read, a debate arose.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That in lieu of clause five, the following be substituted:—

"We are interested to learn that the Loan, which Your Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the *London* market, was duly realized, and that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; but we have to express our want of confidence in Your Honour's Ministers for not having advised Your Honour of the urgent necessity for a far more economical administration of the public revenue, as we believe that the condition of the Province calls for a material change in its present fiscal system, and for a marked reduction in its annual expenditure."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Lists of Voters in the several Electoral Districts in British Columbia, in force on the 1st September, 1877; the Sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province; and the Fourth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, his Annual Report as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of Orders in Council necessary to carry out the provisions of the "Assessment Act, 1876." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, the debate upon the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Walkem* to the fifth clause of the proposed Address was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 o'clock, p.m.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment to the fifth clause of the proposed Address, in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, was resumed.

And the question being put, the Amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.</i> —11.
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.</i> —13.
<i>Brown, E</i>			

The fifth clause was agreed to.

The sixth and seventh clauses being again read, were agreed to.

The eighth clause being again read, a debate arose.

The eighth clause was agreed to.

The ninth to the seventeenth clauses, both inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 13th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Fisher* and *Morrison*, with instructions to prepare and report an Address to His Honour.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this the third Session of the second term of our Legislature.

We are pleased at Your Honour's congratulations on the hopeful prospect of early and great prosperity for British Columbia.

We are aware that the past year has been an eventful one, and may well mark the beginning of a new era of progress and material development in the Province.

We assure Your Honour that the exceedingly favourable result of the Mining Engineer's labours in Cariboo, proving as it has done the immense value of the gold quartz veins in that richly auriferous district, is a source of great satisfaction to us, as it is to Your Honour; and we thank Your Honour for the expression, that it is undoubtedly an acceptable reward to our wisdom, no less than to our generosity, in supporting with so much heartiness the measure which was submitted to us last Session, having for its object the establishment, on a permanent basis, of that branch of gold mining from which so much wealth may be derived, and by which manufacturing, agricultural, and commercial industries may be increased and sustained throughout the country.

We cordially concur with Your Honour in the hope that the railway question, which can only be satisfactorily settled by the actual commencement of construction in British Columbia, is on the eve of attaining that desirable position; and we are pleased to hear that the Dominion Government have intimated that, so far as could be seen at the date of their despatch, it would not be necessary to prosecute further exploratory surveys in the Province, and that correspondence on the subject will be submitted to us.

We mark with satisfaction that the loan which Your Honour's Ministers were authorized to place upon the London market was duly realized; that the credit of the Province is in a satisfactory condition; and that the correspondence on the subject will, at once, be sent down to us.

We are pleased to learn that the Commissioners appointed to deal with the Indian Land question have succeeded in allaying the irritation that was manifested by the natives of the interior at one period of the past season, to an extent which threatened for a time to result in an outbreak; that many of the more numerous and powerful tribes have been settled with, and that it is not thought to be desirable or necessary to continue longer the present expensive method of determining Indian reserves; and that we are glad to be informed that Your Honour has communicated with the Dominion Government with a view of dissolving the Commission at an early date.

We are gratified to hear that the Inland Fisheries have been greatly extended during the past year, with very satisfactory results, and that that industry has now assumed an importance that cannot be over-estimated as a valuable source of wealth to the Province; and that in the absence of Provincial authority to deal with questions relating to Fisheries, Your Honour has communicated with the Government at Ottawa

with a view to inducing such action on the part of the Dominion as will lead to measures being taken to prevent the possible future exhaustion of the supply of fish in our rivers.

We regret with Your Honour that, with reference to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, the Dominion Government have positively refused to advance any money for Dock purposes, otherwise than as a loan, to be charged to the debt account of British Columbia; and we are glad to be informed that Your Honour has therefore made a very strong appeal to the Imperial Government for increased assistance, so that Your Honour may be enabled to complete that very important and necessary undertaking without further trenching upon the resources of the Province; and that papers relating to this question will be laid before us.

It is satisfactory to find that our Public Schools have continued steadily to advance their usefulness; that the attendance throughout the Province generally, including the High School established in this city, has very much increased during the past year; and we agree with Your Honour that the necessity for the erection of new and enlargement of old school houses may be taken as indicative of desirable progress and extension of settlement in the country.

We are gratified to learn that the reclamation of the rich lands on the Fraser, at present subject to the overflow of that river, has engaged the attention of Your Honour's Ministers; and that various propositions having reference to dyking these lands have been submitted to Your Honour by persons interested in the work. We join with Your Honour in the hope that the obstacles which beset the enterprise will shortly be overcome, and the District and the Province be made to reap the full benefit of the natural fertility of the Fraser Valley.

We are aware that the coal and lumber industries have been subjected during the past season to adverse circumstances, and that the decline in the price of coal in the San Francisco market has had a somewhat depressing influence upon the trade at Nanaimo, but are pleased to hear that the exportation for the year has, however, fully equalled that of last year, and that the prospect for the business of the future is again, to some extent, brightening.

We are aware that owing to the unusually early close of the mining season at Cassiar, and the diminished yield of the alluvial diggings at Cariboo, the produce of our gold fields has again fallen below that of former years.

But we hail with satisfaction that the recent developments in our quartz mines, however, promise in the near future to restore the gold fields of British Columbia to their old position of pre-eminent importance, and that the yield of the future may be anticipated to increase steadily and rapidly. We assure Your Honour that the good already resulting from our wise legislation of last Session will induce us to support measures calculated to still further foster the development of quartz mining in the Province.

We are pleased to hear that the Commissioners appointed, in conformity with the Act of last Session, to revise and consolidate the laws of the Province, have finished their labours, and that the Statutes are now ready to be laid before us in their new and improved form,

We are aware that important changes in many of the Electoral Districts have occurred since the framing of the "Constitution Act, 1871," and a more equitable representation of the people in our Honourable Assembly is now urgently required; and we are pleased to learn that Your Honour proposes to submit for our consideration an Act to provide for a redistribution of seats and an increase of the number of members, which however, is not intended to add to the present cost of legislation.

We hear with satisfaction that necessary changes in the Mining Laws will be submitted for our consideration; and that a Bill will be introduced to amend the Quartz Act of last year, some of the conditions upon which the Government aid was made contingent requiring to be modified or removed; and that it is intended also, as a merited recognition of the service they have rendered to the Province, to ask for power to grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company the aid contemplated by the Act.

We thank Your Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts will at once be laid before us, and that estimates for the current year will be sent down to us at an early day.

We thank Your Honour for the expression that, in leaving us to our deliberations, Your Honour has the confident belief that we will enter upon our duties with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of British Columbia.

The said Address was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address in reply to the Speech be engrossed, and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be printed, and sent down to this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Contractors, or their Agent, or the Engineers-in-Chief, or the Resident Engineer, in reference to the Dock at *Esquimalt*, since 4th March, 1877.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873;" and a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills severally introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to visit the Royal Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, and Public Schools; such Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Douglas*, *Smith*, *Cowan*, *E. Brown*, and *Gallagher*.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House the following documents referred to in the papers connected with the negotiation of a Loan of £150,000, but omitted, viz.:—

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of Province, 1874, 1875, 1876;

Formal Prospectus of Loan;

Statement of Financial position of Province, December 31st 1876;

Statement of Expenditure, shewing outlay on Public Works and Buildings as contrasted with ordinary expenditure of Province, 1874, 1875, and 1876.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the existing contracts for supplies to the *Victoria* Prison were awarded; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Beaven*, *Williams*, *Mara*, *Dickinson*, and the mover.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877;'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia;"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of Gold-bearing Quartz;"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bills severally introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Tolmie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fisher*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the earnest wish of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the early establishment of well-defined and just federal relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the one, and British North America of the other part.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 21st instant.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the 22nd instant.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Evans*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down a Return showing, in detail, all applications to purchase unsurveyed lands since 1st April, 1875; all lands sold since 31st December, 1876; and all town lots sold since 31st December, 1872.

Mr. *Williams* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Questions:—

1. Have the contractors for the Cofferdam received any extension of time for completion of work, other than to 18th October, 1876, 1st February, 1877, and 31st July, 1877? If so, to what date?

2. Is there any arrangement or agreement between Mr. *Dawson*, or *Reed Bros. & Co.*, and yourself, other than the contract dated *London*, 24th January, 1876, and extensions, under which the Cofferdam work is being carried on? If so, what is its nature?

3. What amount of money have the Government paid Messrs. *Reed Bros. & Co.* on account of their contract since commencement?

4. Have the contractors or the Engineers made any claims against the Government which are unpaid? If so, of what nature and amount?

5. Have the plans, specifications, and detail drawings of the Dock been received from Messrs. *Kinipple & Morris*, and been accepted?

6. Has any change been made in the agreement with the Engineers-in-Chief on the 28th April, 1875? If so, what is its nature?

7. Are you aware that the piles used in the Cofferdam are very extensively worm eaten?

8. In Graving Dock correspondence (*See* letter 26th September, 1877), "The Lieutenant-Governor to Rear-Admiral *DeHorsey*," the following paragraph occurs:—

"The position now assumed by the Dominion, with regard to the important work of constructing a Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*, places the matter entirely between the Imperial and Dominion Governments. The Provincial Government have expended \$126,482 50 in the purchase of the site, pumping machinery, cement, &c., and in payments on account of Cofferdam contract; and have provided for the completion of the Cofferdam, &c., which will require the payment of \$71,291 86, in addition to the aforesaid sum of \$126,482 50."

How is the sum of \$71,291 86 made up?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"1. No extension of time has been granted to the Contractors."

"2. There is no other arrangement or agreement."

"3. \$19,837 50 to date."

"4. The Contractors have made no claim against the Government. The Engineers have made a claim for the amount of the Resident Engineer's salary prior to the 18th March, 1876."

"5. Yes."

"6. No."

"7. No. The Resident Engineer has reported that the quality of the work performed is of a satisfactory description."

"8. The amount is made up as follows:—

Balance due <i>Reed Bros., & Co.</i> , contractors for Cofferdam ...	\$48,783 66
Do. <i>James Watt & Co.</i> , machinery	3,150 00
Do. <i>Kinipple & Morris</i> , Engineers.....	19,358 20

\$71,291 86"

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable Mr. Smithe the following Question:—

What sum of money, in Dominion currency, has the loan of 1877 netted to the Government at *Victoria*, after deducting exchange, discount, commissions, accrued interest, and charges of all descriptions, and on what date was the money received here by Government?

The Honourable Mr. Smithe replied as follows:—

"£150,000, or \$727,500 @ 96 produced	\$698,400 00
Deduct Bank Commission, 1 per cent. on gross amount..	7,275 00
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	\$691,125 00
RECEIVED:	
July 10 (Less exchange) £140,000, or.....	\$679,000 00
Nov. 9 Do. £2,500, or.....	12,125 00
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	\$691,125 00
DEDUCT:	
Exchange on Drafts for £140,000	\$ 938 00
Payment for expenses, &c., to H. H. Hughes	131 25
Do. do. T. L. Stahlschmidt	2,572 43
Telegrams	1,001 67
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	4,643 35
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	\$686,481 65"

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable Mr. Smithe the following Questions:—

1. Are any of the Debentures issued under the Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876, outstanding?
2. Has the special Graving Dock account at the Bank of British Columbia been paid out of money obtained under the "Loan Act, 1877?"
3. Is there any overdraft at the Bank of British Columbia?

The Honourable Mr. Smithe replied as follows:—

"1. Debentures issued under the 'British Columbia Loan Act,' 1874:—	
2 of \$10,000 each	\$ 20,000 00
and under the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876:—	
109 to 326. 118 of various sums, amounting to.....	86,000 00
81 to 89. 9 of \$500 each	4,500 00
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"2. Yes."	\$110,500 00"
"3. No."	

Mr. Armstrong asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

Why are the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum not removed to the new asylum at *New Westminster*?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"Because the building has been reported, by three medical gentlemen, to be unsuitable for the reception of the patients."

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

Have the Government requested the Government of the Dominion of Canada to make a complete scientific geological survey of the mineral lands in the Districts of *Cariboo* and *Kootenay*? if so, on what date, and with what results?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"Government has made no special request that the scientific geological survey of British Columbia should be confined to the localities mentioned."

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

How is it that the important evidence, in reference to the payment of \$16,500 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, given by Mr. *J. F. McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee, and signed by that gentleman, has been omitted from the Journals of 1877?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"All the evidence in this matter reported to the House and ordered to be printed, and handed by the Clerk of the House to the Government Printer, has been published, and appears in the Journals of the House."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Why have not the Orders in Council necessary to carry out the provisions of Acts of Parliament been published in the *British Columbia Gazette*, in accordance with the Resolution of this House on 17th April, 1877?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"It was considered unadvisable to publish the Orders in Council in relation to the British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,' before the meeting of the House."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Has any Member of the Government made application to acquire Public Land since 1st February, 1876? if so, what is the date and nature of the application, and name of applicant?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The Honourable Wm. *Smithe* made application to purchase 320 acres of unsurveyed land near *Salmon Arm*, *New Westminster* District, under clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' on 22nd November, 1876."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,' was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Friday next.

Messrs. *Ash*, *Fisher*, *Galbraith*, *Gordon*, and *Mara* were elected, by ballot, to form the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Walkem*, *E. Brown*, *R. Smith*, *Armstrong*, and *Tolmie* were nominated to form the Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

And then the House adjourned, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 15th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *Hugh Nelson* and others.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *E. L. Derby*.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House, in printed form, copies of all telegrams, petitions, and correspondence between the Trustees of the *Cache Creek School* and the Government since 1st February, 1876.

On the motion of Mr. *Evans*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be laid before this House copies of all letters, petitions, and other papers relative to the appointment of a Mining Engineer, and respecting the various appropriations asked for on behalf of the District of *Cariboo* for the year 1877.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That this House have placed before it an account of the mileage paid to Members during the last two years, together with a copy of the declaration made by each Member before receiving the said mileage.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gordon*,—

That the words "during the last two years" be struck out, and the words "since Confederation" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas the Honourable junior member for *Cariboo*, Mr. *Evans*, stated in his place in this House, on the 11th instant, that "a road ten miles in length had been constructed for the benefit of one gentleman in *Yale* District, whose name could be given if a committee of enquiry was appointed:" and that he further stated, in his place in this House on the 13th instant, that "the gentleman referred to was the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works," that "his informant was the Rev. Mr. *Turner*," and that "the fact was patent to every one in the Upper Country."

Resolved, That a Select Committee, consisting of the following Members, Messrs. *Evans*, *Cowan*, *Douglas*, *Morrison*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the above charge.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cowan*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House Returns showing the cost of carrying out the Statute in each district; the amount assessed; amount collected and amount due on the Collector's Roll in each electoral district, in each year, since the "Assessment Act, 1876," has been in force.

The following words were added to the Motion: "up to 1877; and also the amount collected for School Tax in each district."

The Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*, it was *Resolved*.—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House the following Returns:—

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of direct Mail communication between *New Westminster*, *Nanaimo*, and the Settlements on the *East Coast* of Vancouver Island.

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the appointment of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in this Province, under the Dominion "Weights and Measures Act."

Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the non-publication in the Journals of 1877, of certain evidence given by Mr. *McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee of last Session.

Committee to consist of Messrs. *Evans*, *Galbraith*, *Dickinson*, *Morrison*, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House go into Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next, to take into consideration the expediency of recommending to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the desirability of offering a bonus to any person or company who shall, within the next three years, erect, either at *Nanaimo*, *Departure Bay*, *Quadra*, *Comox*, or *Texada Island*, a Blast Furnace capable of smelting _____ tons per annum of good merchantable pig iron. The said bonus not to exceed the following rates up to five thousand tons per annum:—1st year, \$2 per ton; 2nd year, \$1 50 per ton; 3rd year, \$1 per ton.

On the motion of Mr. *Galbraith*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down copies of correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Derby*.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—
That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on their behalf, and the applicants for the position of Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Dickinson*, it was *Resolved*,—
That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of all correspondence and papers between the Architect, Contractors, Superintendents, Resident Physician, and Commissioners, in reference to the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—
Whereas application has been made to the Dominion Government for the exclusive right to fish in certain parts of *Fraser River*, which, if granted, will be a great injustice to the fishing interests:

That this House is, therefore, of opinion that the Government should respectfully request the Dominion Government not to grant any exclusive rights to fish for salmon in the waters of British Columbia.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws respecting the branding and marking of cattle."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Douglas* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Why is the road leading from *McNeile's* gate to *Foul Bay* allowed to be closed?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The road has not yet been gazetted as a public highway."

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Has any arrangement been entered into with Mr. *Derby*, under authority of the 74th clause of the "Land Act, 1875?"

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"No."

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Who is the resident Physician of Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"Dr. *McNaughton Jones* has been appointed as resident Physician to the Lunatic Asylum at *New Westminster*."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power of Attorney Act, 1875,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia," and of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing Quartz," and of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was postponed until Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 o'clock, p.m.

Monday, 18th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Petition from *F. J. Barnard* and others.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Petition from *Whitfield Chase* and others, which was read and Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from *J. H. Turner* and others, which was read and Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Walkem* presented the first Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act respecting the Dyking of certain Lands in New Westminster District."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Dominion of Canada is directly interested in the development of the mineral resources of British Columbia; and, whereas, a geological survey of the gold, silver, and copper producing districts of the Province would place important information in possession of the public, thereby directing attention to their value, and tending to promote the development of the same; therefore be it Resolved,—

That this House is of opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested by this Government to cause, at an early day, a complete scientific geological survey of the gold, silver, and copper producing districts of the Province to be made; and that copies of the report, maps, and diagrams be published and distributed; and that our Provincial Representatives in the Senate and House of Commons of Canada be also requested to use their influence to attain the same end.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully moved to cause all correspondence with the Dominion Government, respecting the Acts of last Session, to be sent down to this House as early as possible.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a Return of all Telegrams, in connection with Loan of £150,000, for which over one thousand dollars was paid by Government.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Vernon,—

Whereas on the 1st of October, 1877, Rear-Admiral A. F. R. de Horsey, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Pacific Squadron, communicated with His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor with the object of ascertaining whether, in the event of the Imperial Government entertaining the alternative proposition submitted by the Provincial Government's Minute, 21st July last, viz., that the Imperial Government should take over the Dock and complete it as an Imperial work, the Province would "contribute the site and work already done, together with the plant and material now in hand, as a gift, so that the Dock and its site would become Admiralty property:"

And, whereas, on the 8th of October last, His Honour answered that the Government of the Province were not prepared to take upon themselves the responsibility of disposing of so large an amount of Provincial capital without first consulting the Legislature, but that they would engage to recommend to Parliament a gift of the site, &c., on the condition that merchant vessels shall be permitted to be docked on payment of expenses, whenever the ships of Her Majesty's squadron do not require its use:

Be it therefore resolved,—That, in view of the desirableness of ensuring the completion of the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock without further cost to the Province, this House is of opinion that it is advisable, in the event of the Imperial Government agreeing to complete the Dock as an Imperial work, to grant to the Admiralty the site, plant and material on hand, and work already done, subject to the condition that merchant vessels shall be permitted to be docked, on payment of expenses, whenever the ships of Her Majesty's Navy do not require its use; and that a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to inform Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies of the determination of this House upon the subject.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, the words "at an early date" were inserted after the word "Dock" in the sixteenth line of the Motion.

Mr. Walkem moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Elliott, that the words "within a reasonable period" be inserted after the word "complete" in the eighteenth line of the Motion.

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Fisher, it was Resolved,—

That the words "without loss of time" be inserted after the word "work" in the eighteenth line of the Motion.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. W. M. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Ash,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the *Howe Sound* Trail has been managed during the years 1876 and 1877; to have power to call for persons, papers, specifications, and all documents connected therewith. Said Committee to consist of the following members:—Messrs. E. Brown, Beaven, Pimbury, Morrison, and the mover.

On the motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Beaven, the numbers "1873, 1874, 1875," were added to the Motion, after the word "years" in the second line.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Smithe, it was Resolved,

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the earnest wish of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, for the establishment of well-defined and just federal relations between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of the one, and British North America of the other part.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the Fourth Annual Report of the Minister of Mines. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. Armstrong asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

Under what terms and conditions is Mr. T. L. *Stahlschmidt* acting as the Government Agent in London?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"There are no terms and conditions under which Mr. *Stahlschmidt* is acting as the Government Agent in London."

Mr. Armstrong asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

For what services rendered, in connection with the £150,000 Loan, did Mr. T. L. *Stahlschmidt* receive \$2,572 43, and Mr. H. H. *Hughes* \$131 25?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
"For altering and removing brass plate, 'Government of British Columbia'	3	10	0
June 30, Cable message	5	12	6
July 3, do.	4	19	0
Aug. 9, do.	4	14	6
Sept. 25, do.	5	3	6
Oct. 2, do.	5	12	6
Government Stamp on Bonds, 500 £100 @ 2s. 6d.	62	10	0
Do. do. 500 £200 @ 5s. 0d.	125	0	0
Preparation of Debentures, as per <i>Perkins, Bacon, & Co.</i> 's account	94	4	9
Debenture Registers, per <i>Stephens, Hayter & Co.</i>	3	3	0
	£314	9	9
"Paid to Mr. T. L. <i>Stahlschmidt</i> , for his services in connection with the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1877' ..	200	0	0
	£514	9	9

£514 9s. 9d. @ \$5 = \$2,572 43.

"Paid Mr. H. *Hughes*, for signing Debentures, Coupons, &c., 25 guineas..... \$ 131 25"

Mr. Armstrong asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

Under what authority did the Government purchase Real Estate property from T. L. *Stahlschmidt*, Esq., at a cost of \$3,525? How much land did they obtain, and for what public purpose is it now used?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"The property referred to being offered for sale, was purchased on the authority of an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. It contains 1½ acres, and is let for \$15 per month, and the well is used to supply water to Government House."

Mr. Beaven asked the Honourable Mr. Smithe the following Question:—

Have proceeds of the "Loan Act, 1877," been set aside or invested in order to retire Debentures outstanding under Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876? if so, what amount and in what manner?

The Honourable Mr. Smithe replied as follows:—

"No portion of the proceeds of the Loan of 1877 has been specially set aside or invested in order to retire Debentures outstanding under the Acts of 1874 and 1876."

Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Ash,—

To give the names of the persons, living in *Nanaimo*, from whom he gained the information, given to this House on Friday last, to the effect that the Coal Mines Regulation Act was useless, and had produced no beneficial results.

Mr. Ash replied as follows:—

"I should not object to gratify the curiosity of the Honourable Member, if it were proper to mention names of persons, with whom one has talked confidentially, without their consent first having been asked and given."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" was considered.

On the motion of Mr. Gordon, the Bill was recommitted for the purpose of inserting an additional clause.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, the Title of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia," was amended by substituting the following Title: "An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities."

Pursuant to Order, the said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ballot Act, 1877,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 19th February, 1878.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance that the important subjects submitted to you will receive your earnest attention.

Government House,

19th February, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Private Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—
That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a return of all correspondence on the subject of the non-payment of School Tax by Chinamen in the employment of Mr. *J. S. Deas*, *Fraser River*.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to encourage the mining of gold-bearing Quartz," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gordon*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 2.50 o'clock, p.m.

Wednesday, 20th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure for the year 1876, and for the nine months ended 30th September, 1877, together with Returns of Revenue for the year 1877. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from "The British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited)."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

What acreage of land does *J. C. Haynes* and *W. H. Lowe* claim from Government in the *Osoyoos* District, either by pre-emption, purchase, or military grant?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"*J. C. Haynes* holds 694 acres under pre-emption, for which he has Crown Grants.

"*W. H. Lowe* holds 155 acres under pre-emption, for which he has a Crown Grant.

"Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* have applied to purchase, under clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' 5,290 acres.

Mr. *Haynes* claims 600 acres on account of military grants stated to be owned by him."

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Have Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* acquired any title or claim to the land in the *Okanagan Valley*, extending from the head of *Osoyoos Lake* up the valley about twelve and a half miles in length? And has the cost of survey, made by the Lands and Works Department in 1876 and 1877 for these gentlemen, been refunded to Government.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe* have acquired no title or claim to any land in *Okanagan Valley*, extending from the head of *Osoyoos Lake* up the valley about twelve and a half miles in length, other than the lands referred to in my previous answer, except the title or claim acquired by their application to purchase unsurveyed land, under clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875.'

"The cost of survey, apportioned by the Lands and Works Department in 1876 and 1877, for Messrs. *Haynes* and *Lowe*, amounted to \$384 53, of which amount \$369 58 has been refunded."

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the expediency of recommending to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the desirability of offering a bonus to any person or company who shall, within the next three years, erect, either at *Nanaimo*, *Departure Bay*, *Quadra*, *Comox*, or *Texada Island*, a Blast Furnace capable of smelting tons per annum of good merchantable pig iron; the said bonus not to exceed the following rates up to five thousand tons per annum:—1st year, \$2 per ton; 2nd year, \$1 50 per ton; 3rd year, \$1 per ton; was discharged, Mr. Speaker ruling that the matter was out of order.

The second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was postponed.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 2.50 o'clock p.m.

Thursday, 21st February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *W. H. Ladner* and others.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Return of copies of all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited)."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited)."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the non-publication, in the Journals of 1877, of certain evidence given by Mr. *J. F. McCreight* before the Public Accounts Committee, 1877, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed and published with the Journals of this Session. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That this House is of opinion that the salaries of all persons (whether monthly or annual) in employ of the Government, should be placed in the Estimates for this and subsequent years, in detail, under the Department through which they are to be employed and paid.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, that the words “as far as practicable” be inserted after the word “Estimates” in the second line of the Motion.

Amendment, and Motion as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House, whilst temporarily acquiescing in the adoption of the paragraph relating to the *Esquimalt* Graving Dock, in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of this Session, and in the Resolution on the subject of the Graving Dock introduced into this House by the Honourable *A. C. Elliott* on the 17th inst., desires to place on record that it does not thereby in any way relax the obligation of the Dominion Government to this Province under the 12th Clause of the Terms of Union, or the subsequent agreement of the Dominion Government to pay \$250,000 to this Province in lieu of the guarantee provided by the said 12th Clause of the Terms of Union with Canada, which said amount, viz., \$250,000 was not to be repaid by the Province to Canada nor interest thereon charged by Canada to this Province; and, also, that in the event of the Imperial Government failing to accept the proposition contained in the said Resolution of the 17th inst., relating to the said Dock, that the previous agreement of the Imperial Government to pay this Province £50,000 upon completion thereof remain intact.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into, ascertain, and report what person or persons supplied *New Westminster Gaol* with meat and vegetables during 1877; the Committee to consist of Messrs. *Galbraith*, *Pimbury*, *Humphreys*, *Gordon*, and the mover.

The name of Mr. *E. Brown* was added to the Motion as one of the Committee.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Ash*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a return of the telegrams from Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt*, dated respectively as follows: June 30th, cable message; July 3rd, cable message; August 9th, cable message; September 25th, cable message; October 2nd, cable message.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 2.45 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 22nd February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the pressing need for the establishment of such Agencies as exist in other parts of the Dominion, amongst certain Indian tribes of this Province.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the *Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Company*.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Thursday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 25th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Douglas* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to visit the Royal Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, and Public Schools, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix*.)

Mr. *Beaven* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the City of *Victoria*, which was read.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be brought under the notice of the Governor-General, that serious injustice may occur in the case where petition is made to His Excellency praying for the remission of the sentence passed, in this Province, on a person convicted of an offence, through the custom which prevails of referring back, from *Ottawa*, the matter to the Judge who tried the prisoner; and that, in the opinion of this House, it would be more satisfactory if His Excellency the Governor-General would authorize, in his stead, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, at his discretion, to move the Judge, on petition being made, to send on his notes of evidence, and remarks on the case, simultaneously with any such petition.

On the motion of Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by Mr. *Douglas*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House any Report from the Indian Reserve Commissioners on the complaints made by Messrs. *Chase*, *Macpherson*, *McBryan*, and *Williams*, of *Shuswap*, relative to the action of said Commissioners.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of all Bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's Office by Civil Officers of the Province, for the due performance of their duties, under the "Civil Officers Securities Act, 1872." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all letters, petitions, and other papers relative to the appointment of a Mining Engineer, and respecting the various appropriations asked for on behalf of the District of *Cariboo* for the year 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider this Resolution on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Traffic on the Highways of British Columbia," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p.m.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Ash* presented a Petition from the Bishop of British Columbia and others.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and Mr. *Mara* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the date of Requisition No. 1, of a payment amounting to \$278,070, and the date of the payment of two cheques amounting to \$16,590 34. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Morrison*, *Beaven*, *Cowan*, *Douglas*, and *Mara*.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Morrison*, *Beaven*, *Douglas*, *Cowan*, and *Mara*.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts Ordinance, 1867."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Motion—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Motion.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Walkem* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Questions:—

What is the approximate electoral vote of each of the constituencies proposed to be formed under the Constitution Amendment Bill?

Upon what plan or basis have the proposed electoral divisions been formed?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"Kootenay	47
Kamloops	119
Okanagan	76
Nicola	50
Yale	130
Chilliwack	180
New Westminster	230
New Westminster City	195
Burrard Inlet	180
Lillooet	70
Clinton	70
Alexandria	100
Stanley	90

Cariboo	160
Cassiar	
Victoria City	950
Victoria District	210
Cowichan	140
Esquimalt	132
Nanaimo	250
Nanaimo City	235
Comox	81
Islands District	85

"1. In some cases the plan or basis has been area;

"2. In some cases population;

"3. In some, community or diversity of interests;

"And in some, for all these reasons."

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to make a trail from the *Forks of Leech River*—end of present trail—to *San Juan River*? Distance computed to be about 25 miles.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The matter has been brought before the notice of the Government by the senior member for the district, Mr. *Fisher*, and is under consideration."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of traffic on the highways of British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

The second reading was postponed.

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of the Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia for the years 1874, 1875, and 1876; a Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia for 1874, 1875, and 1876; a Statement showing the financial position of the Province of British Columbia on 31st December, 1877; a Prospectus of the Loan of £150,000, and Telegrams and copies of Telegrams relative to the said Loan. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was considered.

Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That Bill No. 8 be recommitted for the purpose of amending—

Clause 2. By inserting at the commencement, "except as is hereinafter provided."

Sub-section 1. By striking out "wild rabbits," and by striking out "1st" and inserting "10th" before "day of August."

Sub-section 2. After the word "quail" insert "water fowl which are known as mallard duck," and "10th" instead of "20th" day of August.

Insert as Clause 12—"Nothing in this Act shall be construed into preventing any resident farmer from killing deer of the male species, that he finds depasturing within his cultivated fields, at any time."

Clause 10. Strike out all the words after "Department," on the fourth line, to the end of the section, and insert in lieu thereof "until a petition, signed by a majority of the voters of an electoral district, has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, requesting that this Act be made applicable to such district, and notice to that effect has been inserted in the *British Columbia Gazette*."

The Motion was amended by striking out the words "be recommitted for the purpose of amending," in the first line of the Motion, and by inserting the words "be amended as follows," in lieu thereof.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of telegrams, petitions, and correspondence between the Trustees of the *Cache Creek* School and the Government, since February 1st, 1876. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 28th February, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all letters written by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, to the junior member for *Lillooet*, during the months of July and August 1876, referring to the construction of the road from *Kelly's* to *Big Bar Creek* and other works within the *Lillooet* District.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That the following words be added to the Motion:—"and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the nature of the correspondence alleged to have passed between the junior member for *Lillooet* and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, regarding the construction of certain public works in said district, and to report thereon to this House. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *E. Brown*, *Dickinson*, *Williams*, *W. M. Brown*, and *Evans*."

The Amendment moved by Mr. *Ash*, and the Motion as amended, was put and carried.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on their behalf, and the applicants for the position of Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*) against Mr. *Elliott*. The Committee to consist of Messrs. *Mara*, *Morrison*, *Gordon*, *Beaven*, and *Walkem*.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Royal Commission be immediately appointed, with power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Friday, 1st March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House a Statement of Mileage paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly, for the years 1872 to 1877, inclusive; and informed the House that the declarations were in the Clerk's hands, and could be inspected at any time.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the Fourth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Mara* presented the First Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the Motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Royal Commission be immediately appointed, with power to take evidence under oath, and send for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government,"—was resumed.

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*,

worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government; and to report to this House, immediately, as to whether it is advisable to request His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the subject.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with reference to the establishment of Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 4th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Douglas* presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, which was received and laid on the Table. (*See Appendix*.)

Ordered, That the plans and specifications, in the hands of the Government, that have been submitted by Mr. *E. L. Derby* for dyking *Sumass*, *Chilliwack*, and *Matsqui*; also the maps showing the lands (if any) to be granted for such work, be submitted to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Ash* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled 'An Act to authorize the "Bishop of Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Beauren* presented a Minority Report from the Committee appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. *Tolmie* and *Finlayson*, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, which was received and laid on the Table. (*See Appendix*.)

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Williams*,—"That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, to enquire into the statements made by the Members for *Kootenay* (Messrs. *Gallagher* and *Galbraith*), that the leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone or in connection with any other Member of this House, virtually

"endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district, by offering to him, Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *Geo. A. Kelly*, worth \$1,400 a year, and inside of three months the best position in the gift of the Government; and to report to this House, immediately, as to whether it is advisable to request His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the subject,"—was resumed.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, to substitute the following for the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Williams*:—

"And whereas the Member for *Comox* stated in his place in the House, on the 1st day of March instant, that the leader of the Government had procured the place of Police Magistrate through bribery, which charge has been denied by the leader of the Government; and whereas it is above all things desirable that the pure character of our Courts of Justice should be preserved unblemished, be it therefore further resolved:

"That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to instruct the Commission which may be appointed, to enquire, without delay, into all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the latter charge, and to report to His Honour forthwith, in order that the same may be dealt with by the House during its present Session; and that all the other charges made by the Member for *Comox*, on the same day, in his place in the House, that is to say, that the leader of the Government had lost his County Court Judgeship from ignominious causes, and had occupied a sinecure position as Sheriff of this Province, taking half the fees from those who did the work, and that he had reason to believe that Mr. *Humphreys* was allowed to sit in Council after it had been determined to get rid of him when the Session was over, be also examined into."

The Amendment moved by Mr. *Walkem* was put and carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smith*, it was Resolved,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the printing executed by order of the House; and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for printing Returns and papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members.

The said Committee to consist of the following gentlemen: Messrs. *Beaven*, *Douglas*, *Armstrong*, *Mara*, and *Dickinson*.

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was Resolved,—

That the following words be added to clause 26, Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:—

"And shall have precedence over all other Orders, except Government Orders"

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,—

That this House recommend that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council take into consideration the expediency of issuing a new General Commission of the Peace, under the provisions of the "Magistrates' Act, 1877."

The Motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. *Tolmie* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Gordon*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House of all moneys received during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877, from leases of timber lands in this Province, giving the names of said lessees, the number of acres held by each respectively, and where such lands are located.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

Has the Province a Government Agent, or Immigration Agent, at *London*? if so, who are the officers, and what are the nature of the arrangements, financial or otherwise, under which they act?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"Mr. *T. L. Stahlschmidt* was appointed General Agent for the Province in *London* under Order in Council, approved by the Governor 26th April, 1877. No Salary."

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What are the names, and what are the conditions under which salaried officers of the Government have been absent from their duties since 1st February, 1876.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

"*C. Good*, Deputy Provincial Secretary, six months' leave from 11th January, 1877. Leave extended three months, 7th March, 1877.

"First three months Mr. *Good* received full pay, Government paying substitute one hundred dollars per month; during balance of leave Mr. *Good* paid substitute.

"*A. W. Vowell*, granted leave of absence from his district (17th July, 1877) during the winter months of 1877-8; full pay.

"*S. Redgrave* same as Mr. *Vowell*, with the proviso that one of the latter's staff should act as Recorder during Mr. *Redgrave's* absence.

"*C. E. Pooley* (17th July, 1877) six months' leave of absence. Full pay first three months, Government paying substitute one hundred dollars per month; next three months Mr. *Pooley* to pay substitute."

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That this House is of opinion that the \$259,500, seven per cent. Debentures (Statute 1876) deposited in 1876 with the Bank of British Columbia, as collateral security against overdraft, and to retire which the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877," was assented to by this House, should have been cancelled by the Government; and the Resolution of this House of the 16th April, 1876, in reference to Debentures, complied with; the existence of the said Debentures so uncanceled being contrary to the spirit of the said Statute.

Mr. *Mara* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

That this House is of opinion that the Debentures, amounting to \$259,500, deposited with the Bank of British Columbia on the 3rd July, 1876, as collateral security, and afterwards withdrawn and lodged in the Treasury, should be cancelled, in order to comply with the spirit of the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1877."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock, p. m.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of a Report of the Indian Reserve Commissioners on the complaints made by Messrs. *Chase*, *Macpherson*, *McBryan*, and *Williams*, of *Shuswap*, relative to the action of said Commissioners. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

The name of Mr. *Morrison* was substituted for that of Mr. *Douglas* on the Printing Committee.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. *Mara*,—"That this House is of opinion that the Debentures, amounting to \$259,500, deposited with the Bank of British Columbia on the 3rd July, 1876, as collateral security, and afterwards withdrawn and lodged in the Treasury, should be cancelled, in order to comply with the spirit of the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1877,'"—was resumed.

And the original Motion being put, the same was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,*

*Williams,
Evans,
Cowan,*

*Ash,
Brown, W. M.
Armstrong,*

*Galbraith,
Gallagher.—11.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Brown, E*

*Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith, R*

*Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,*

*Morrison,
Douglas,
Pimbury.—13.*

The proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Mara*, was put and carried.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No 15) intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Traffic on the Highways of British Columbia," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Beaven* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was considered.

The Bill was amended by inserting the words "Except as is hereinafter provided," at the commencement of Clause 2 :

By striking out the words "wild rabbits" in the first line of Sub-section 1 of Clause 2 :

By striking out the word "1st" in the second line of Sub-section 1 of Clause 2, and inserting the word "10th" in lieu thereof :

By striking out the words "20th" in the third line of Sub-section 2 of Clause 2, and inserting the word "10th" in lieu thereof :

By adding the following as Sub-section 3 of Clause 2 :—"Water fowl, which are known as mallard ducks, between the 1st day of March and the 15th day of July :"

By striking out all the words after the word "Department," in Clause 10, and inserting the following in lieu thereof :—"until a petition, signed by a majority of the voters of an electoral district, has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

requesting that this Act be made applicable to such district, and notice to that effect has been inserted in the *British Columbia Gazette*:"

By inserting the following as Clause 12:—"Nothing in this Act shall be construed into preventing any resident farmer from killing deer that he finds depasturing within his cultivated fields, at any time."

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gordon,—

That the Report be again considered this day six months.

The Motion was put and negatived.

The further consideration of the Report on the Bill, was adjourned until Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1878.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Walkem presented the Fifth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Ordered, That the following Bills be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited)."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited)."

Mr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Evans,—

That the Report of the Select Committee, and evidence, submitted by Mr. Douglas, on 4th March, 1878, be not received, but that it be referred back to a Select Committee of five, to be chosen by ballot by this House, to report whether Orders in Council were not submitted and approved by Lieutenant-Governor Trutch before the following obligations were incurred, in 1874 and 1875, in connection with the Graving Dock, for which requisition for about \$149,000 was made by Lands and Works Department for Graving Dock Account in 1875, viz:—Ordering Cement; ordering Dock Machinery; appointment of Engineer-in-Chief; purchase of Site, *Thetis Cove*; and Contract for Cofferdam.

Mr. Mara moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Gordon,—

That the Report of the Select Committee, and evidence, submitted by Mr. Douglas, on the 4th March instant, be received; and that a Select Committee of five be chosen, by ballot, to report whether Orders in Council were not submitted to and approved by Lieutenant-Governor Trutch before the following obligations were incurred, in 1874 and 1875, in connection with the Graving Dock, for which requisition for about \$149,000 was made by Lands and Works Department for Graving Dock Account in 1875, viz:—Ordering Cement; ordering Dock Machinery; appointment of Engineer-in-Chief; purchase of Site, *Thetis Cove*; and Contract for Cofferdam.

The Amendment was put and carried, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith, R

Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,

Morrison,
Douglas,
Pimbury—12.

NAYS :
Messieurs

<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Brown, W M</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Walkem,</i>
<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Humphreys—10.</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>		

The following Members were chosen by ballot to form the Committee:—Messrs. *Mara, Beaven, Morrison, Douglas, and Ash.*

Mr. *Smith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Galbraith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to send down to this House a Return of the names and occupations of the parents of the pupils attending the High School at *Victoria*.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House Returns of all rents due on Pastoral Leases since 1870.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Supplementary Report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, from the 1st to 31st December, 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* and Messrs. *Walkem, Cowan, Evans, Morrison, Galbraith, and Gallagher*, with instructions to amend the Bill, if advisable, and report such amendments to the House.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.40 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *E. Brown* presented a Petition from *James Morrison*.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Amendment:—

That Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," be amended, by inserting the following in lieu of Clause 5 of the Bill:—

"It shall be lawful for any Magistrate, upon information on oath that a breach of any of the provisions of this Statute has been committed, to issue his warrant for the arrest of such person or persons: Provided, always, that such warrant shall not remain in force for a longer period than ten days."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia," was further considered.

The Bill was re-committed, for the purpose of considering the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Smith*.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with the proposed amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

On the motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas at a meeting of the Pilotage authority for the Pilotage District of British Columbia, held at *Victoria* on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1878, the following resolution was adopted, pending ratification by the Governor-General in Council:—

"That in future *Esquimalt* shall be free from Pilotage and come under same clause (No. 12) with *Royal Roads*, under the following conditions, viz.:—When a vessel is bound for any other port in the Province, either laden or in ballast, and does not discharge nor receive any cargo, passengers, or mails, but simply enters it as a harbour of refuge, then the ship shall be exempt from Pilotage, except always that a Pilot is actually engaged by the Captain for such services."

Therefore be it resolved, that this House is of opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada be requested by this Government to cause, at an early day, the erection of a suitable beacon on *Scrogg Rocks*, at the entrance of *Esquimalt Harbour*, and buoys on the rocks off the south-west point of *Inskip Islands* and *White Rock*, as a guide to vessels entering the said Harbour.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Do the Government intend to grant applications for land in Township 26, *New Westminster*, which were made during the year 1876, and up to 1st September, 1877?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The matter is under the consideration of the Government, and will be dealt with shortly."

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to buy the wharf reputed to belong to Mr. *Ebenezer Brown*, and situate on the left bank of the *Fraser* opposite the City of *New Westminster*?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"No."

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

And the question being put "That the Bill be now read a second time,"

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this bill be read a second time not now, but after the receipt by this House of the Report of

the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the charge made against the Honourable the Attorney-General of having improperly secured the office of Police Magistrate of the City of *Victoria*."

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw Mill Company (Limited)," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Dickinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and on the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, clause 1 of the Bill was amended as follows:—

By inserting the word "or" between the words "dyking" and "draining" in the second line;

By striking out the word "or" after the word "draining" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "purposes or for."

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Court Ordinance, 1867,'" was read a second time.

And on the question being put "That the Bill be committed on Monday next,"

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment,—

That the Bill be committed this day six months.

The Amendment was put and negatived.

The original motion was put and carried.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Committee on Private Bills be furnished, by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, with such plans and specifications as will meet the requirements of Mr. Derby's Dyking Bill, the promoter agreeing to pay any necessary costs.

Pursuant to Order Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Douglas presented a Petition from *Thos. Pritchard* and others, which was read.

Mr. Smithe presented a Petition from *J. F. McCreight* and others, which was read.

Mr. Galbraith presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, ascertain, and report what person or persons supplied *New Westminster* Gaol with meat and vegetables during 1877, which was read.

The Committee was discharged.

Mr. Smith asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 25) intituled the "Workmans' Protection Act, 1878."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which was read, and is as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits an Estimate for the sum of \$2,000, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission, so far as relates to the allegations of the Members for *Kootenay*, asked for by the House of Assembly, and he recommends the same to the House of Assembly.

Government House,
March 8th, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Smithe, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the said Message.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Gordon, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That the sum of \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission to be appointed to enquire into the charges against the Honourable the Attorney-General, made by the Honourable Members for *Kootenay*.

Ordered, That the Resolution be considered on Monday next.

The debate, on the proposed Amendment moved by Mr. Ash, on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia,"—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this Bill be read a second time not now, but after the receipt by this House of the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the charge made against the Honourable the Attorney-General, of having improperly secured the office of Police Magistrate of the City of *Victoria*," was resumed.

Mr. Williams moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

The Motion of Mr. Williams was withdrawn by leave of the House.

And the question being put, "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Brown, E.

Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith, R.

Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,

Morrison,
Douglas,
Pimbury.—13.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Humphreys,
Walkem,
Beaven,

Williams,
Evans,
Cowan,

Ash,
Brown, W. M.
Armstrong,

Galbraith,
Gallagher.—11.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The debate on the question—"That the Bill (No. 16) be now read a second time"—was resumed.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, that the following words be added to the Motion: "and that provisions be inserted therein that it shall not come into operation until the consent of the people of the Province has been obtained to the proposed increased representation."

A point of Order being raised, that the Amendment was not in order, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of Mr. *Mara*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 10.40 o'clock p.m.

Monday, 11th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Williams*, presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the nature of the correspondence alleged to have passed between the junior Member for *Lilloet* and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, regarding the construction of certain public works in said district, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the contraction of the limits of Municipalities."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to be pleased to have laid before this House copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and other documents relating to the dispatch of a body of armed Volunteers, or Militia, to the District of *Nanaimo*, in the spring of 1877.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, the word "relating" in the third line of the Motion was struck out, and the following words were inserted in lieu thereof—"whatsoever, in relation to the Miners' strike at *Nanaimo* and."

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to further amend the 'License Amendment Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on the 15th instant.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act providing for the apprenticeship of orphans and children abandoned by their parents."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Pimbury* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to further secure the Independence of the Legislative Assembly."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures, 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on the 13th instant.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to have laid before this House copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and documents relating to the Royal Commission, referred to in the Address passed by this House on the 4th March; and that His Honour will further be pleased to have laid before this House the dates of the receipt by him of the said Address, and of all documents referring thereto.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attendant on the detention in the lock-up at *Esquimalt* of a prisoner named *Shaw*, and of any other prisoner who may have been kept in the said lock-up for a long period, and to report to this House on the suitableness of the said lock-up as a place of detention for prisoners for a lengthened period. Committee to consist of Messrs. *Ash*, *Walkem*, *Dickinson*, *Mara*, and the mover.

The name of Mr. *R. Smith* was substituted for that of Mr. *Ash*.

Motion, as amended, put and carried.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

What are the expenses charged to the Government in connection with the trip of the Honourable A. C. *Elliott* to *Cariboo* and return; the Honourable F. G. *Vernon* to *Cariboo* and return; the Honourable W. *Smithe* to *Cassiar* and *Chilliwack* and return?

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* replied as follows:—

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Attorney-General (A. C. *Elliott*) to and from *Cache Creek*, not *Cariboo*, amount to \$105.

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to and from *Cariboo*, *Kamloops*, &c., \$1,046 93.

"Expenses connected with the trip of the Honourable the Minister of Finance and Agriculture, to and from *Cassiar*, amount to \$519 12; to and from *Chilliwack*, \$85."

Mr. *Douglas* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867,' and the 'Municipality Act, 1872.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Gallagher* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the building of the bridge, at *Kootenay*, across the *Kootenay River*, and for which tenders were called for in the fall of 1877?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

The Resolution "That the sum of \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Royal Commission to be appointed to enquire into the charges against the Honourable Attorney-General, made by the Honourable Members for Kootenay," was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. Beaven on the 8th instant, was not in order.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.58 o' clock p. m.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Mara presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. Mara presented, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, a Statement of Expenses of Indian Commission, from the year 1876 to 31st December, 1877, which was *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

On the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. W. M. Brown, it was *Resolved*,—That a respectful address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause representations to be made to the Dominion Government of the necessity which exists for the immediate transfer to the Penitentiary of all prisoners who, under the Terms of Union, have to be maintained by Canada.

The Standing Orders were suspended, and Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was read a second time, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Elliott,	Tolmie,]	Mara,	Morrison,
Smithe,	Dickinson,	Gordon,	Douglas,
Vernon,	Smith, R.	Fisher,	Pimbury,—13.
Brown, E.			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Humphreys,	Williams,	Ash,	Galbraith,
Walkem,	Evans,	Brown, W. M.	Gallagher,—11.
Beaven,	Cowan,	Armstrong,	

And the question being put—"That this Bill be committed,"

Mr. Walkem moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Humphreys,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted: "this bill be not now committed, but that it be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of such Members as are of the Executive Council, to prepare and report to this House a measure that will place the representation of the people upon a more equitable basis

than at present exists, without adding to the total number of Representatives, or changing the boundaries of existing electoral districts, further than may be necessary to meet the representative wants of *Nanaimo* and *Cassiar*."

A debate arose, which, on the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence and papers between the Architect, Contractors, Superintendents, Resident Physician, and Commissioners, in reference to the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*. (*See Sessional Papers*.)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Walkem*, to the question "That this Bill be committed," was resumed.

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* moved the previous Question, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question "That this Bill be committed," was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—12.</i>

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.,</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

And the question being put, by Mr. Speaker, "That I do now leave the Chair,"

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 10.45 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be sent down to this House of copies of instructions (if any) issued to the Inspector of Mines, with reference to his duties under the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877;" also copies of all correspondence between the Inspector of Mines and the Owners and Managers of Collieries in this Province, with reference to their compliance, or otherwise, with the provisions of said Coal Mines Regulation Act.

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House is of opinion that copies of the Orders of the Day, Votes and Proceedings, Reports, and Returns, when presented to this House, should be forwarded to each Senator, Representative in the House of Commons, Mayor, Warden, and Councillor of the Province of British Columbia, by the Superintendent of the Printing Department.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to have laid before this House all correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting a Resolution that passed this House on the 7th April, 1877, with regard to the Dominion steamer *Sir James Douglas* being utilized, not only as a tender for lighthouses and lightships, but also to act as a Revenue cutter to prevent smuggling of whiskey by Indians.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to urge upon the Dominion Government the expediency of having the Dominion steamer *Sir James Douglas* utilized, not only as a tender on lightships and lighthouses, but also as a Revenue cutter on the coast of British Columbia, in order to prevent the smuggling of whiskey among the Indians, as well as prevention of crime.

Mr. Galbraith asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

What action, if any, has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed the 14th March, 1877, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"The Resolution respecting the mail service between *Victoria* and *Kootenay* was forwarded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to His Excellency the Governor-General, commending the same to His Excellency's favourable consideration, and the receipt thereof has been acknowledged."

Pursuant to Order, the debate on the question, put by Mr. Speaker, "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

Mr. Beaven moved, in amendment,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof: "this House is of opinion that the Constitution Bill (No. 16) should not become law until after it has been submitted to the voters of each of the electoral districts of the Province, and the assent of a majority of the voters of the Province to its becoming law obtained."

The proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. Beaven, was withdrawn, Mr. Speaker having intimated that it was not in order.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—"this House will, on this day six months, resolve itself into the said Committee."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.58 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 14th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the names and occupations of the parents of the children attending the High School, *Victoria*.

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Dickinson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House is of opinion that the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum Building, *Victoria*, should be at once removed to the new Asylum, *New Westminster*.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* the following Question:—

In what item of the Statement of Financial Position of the Province, December 31st, 1876, issued from the Audit Office 28th April, 1877, are the \$20,000 7 per cent. Debentures (Loan Act, 1874) included?

The Honourable Mr. *Smithe* replied as follows:—

"The \$20,000 7 per cent. Debentures (Loan Act, 1874) do not appear in any item of the Statement of Financial Position of the Province, December 31st, 1876, issued from the Audit Office 28th April, 1877, for the reason that they were not at the time a liability, not having been sold till January, 1877."

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Beaven* on the 13th instant, to the question put by Mr. Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 15th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to be pleased to have laid before this House copies of all applications for grants or leases for timber, or for lease, or purchase, or grant of Crown Lands in the *Cariboo* District, together with the replies thereto, and petitions or other documents connected therewith, covering a period of six months back.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honourable Mr. *Elliott* the following Question:—

What are the names and monthly salaries of the officers and employés of the Lunatic Asylum, *Victoria*?

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* replied as follows:—

" Jones, W. Macnaughton, M. D.	\$ 180
Phillips, J.	50
Ross, Mrs. F.	50
Chinaman (Ah Hoey)	30
Donnelly, J.	50
Cowley, J. J.	45
Towey, M.	45
Kehoe, H.	45
Lindsay, F.	45 "

Mr. *Cowan* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Have any timber leases or grants in the *Cariboo* District been applied for, and if so, by whom, and for what extent?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"No application for any timber lease has been received by this Department for timber lands situate in *Cariboo* District.

"The following applications have been made to purchase unsurveyed land in *Cariboo* District, under Clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' viz.:—

	ACRES.
" Felix Neufelder	1,280
Byrnes, Ball, Mouat, Dunlevy, & Co.	200
Lowhee Quartz Mining Co.	1,280
Cariboo Quartz Co.	960
Samuel Walker	640
Pinkerton & Isaacs	640
Charles Wilson	1,280
British Columbia Milling and Mining Co.	1,280
I. B. Nason	640
I. B. Nason	640
I. B. Nason	1,920
Turan Quartz Mining Co.	1,280
John L. McLain	400
Perseverance Co.	1,280
J. C. Devlin	1,280
C. P. O'Neill	640
Wilson, Rogers, Mason, & Forrist	2,560
Catherine Austin	640

	ACRES.
Lord Dufferin Co.	640
John Stevenson	320
Thomas Hind	640
Joseph Cannell	640
George Green	320
New Black Bull Co.	213
George Green	320
W. Brunskill	320
J. H. St. Laurient	640"

Mr. Gallagher asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

What action, if any, was taken respecting the Resolution passed last Session that in the opinion of this House it is highly desirable that a Supreme Court should be held at *Kootenay* during the ensuing season?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"A circuit of the Supreme Court to *Cassiar* being an absolute necessity, it was impossible to take any action in the matter referred to."

Mr. Galbraith asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

What action, if any, has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed the 18th April last, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the establishment of a Military Post in the District of *Kootenay*?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"I regret to say that the Resolution, respecting the establishment of a Military Post at *Kootenay*, appears to have been mislaid, and no action has been taken in the matter, but it will be at once forwarded with an explanation."

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. Beaven on the 13th instant, to the question put by Mr. Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," was resumed.

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:
Messieurs

<i>Elliott,</i>	<i>Tolmie,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Dickinson,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Douglas,</i>
<i>Vernon,</i>	<i>Smith, R.</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Pimbury.—13.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

NAYS:
Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Gallagher.—11.</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	

The question "That I do now leave the Chair," was resolved in the affirmative.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all correspondence on the subject of non-payment of School Tax by Chinamen in the employment of Mr. J. S. Deas, *Fraser River*; also a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Inspector of Mines and the Owners and Managers of Collieries in this Province, with reference to their compliance, or otherwise, with the provisions of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877." (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned at 5.30, p.m., until half-past seven o'clock, p.m

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was postponed to Monday next.

The consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was postponed to Monday next.

The second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1873,'" was postponed.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gordon*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Ordinance, 1867.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without Report.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 10.25 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 18th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the Sixth Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, which was read, and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Act, 1873,'" be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Mara* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into certain statements made in this House by the Honourable the junior Member for *Cariboo* (Mr. *Evans*), which was read. (*See Appendix.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the following words be added to clause 24, Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, "On every Order day except Wednesday."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to Corporations," was considered.

The Schedule thereto was amended by striking out the figures "\$1 00," in the third line, and substituting the figures "\$20 00" in lieu thereof.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was considered.

Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That the Report on the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878," be amended, by inserting as Clause 3,—

"Any Sheriff, Returning Officer, Constable, or Police Officer who shall advise, or directly or indirectly influence, any voter, at any election for a Member to the Legislative Assembly, to vote for or against any candidate at such election, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary way before two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or to imprisonment, in default of payment of the fine that may be imposed, to any term not less than ten days and not exceeding three months."

Amendment put and carried.

The further consideration of the Report was postponed to Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That no application for timber leases, or for the right to purchase surveyed or unsurveyed land in the District of *Cariboo* shall be granted by the Government.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all applications for grants or leases for timber, or for lease, or purchase, or grant of Crown Lands in the *Cariboo* District, together with the replies thereto, and petitions or other documents connected therewith, covering a period of six months back. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

To insert the following words, after the word "*Cariboo*," in the original motion :
"or within the precinct of any district where quartz or other mines have been discovered or are known to exist."

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following :—

"In the opinion of this House no application for timber leases, or for the right to purchase unsurveyed land, under Clause 62, 'Land Act, 1875,' should be granted in "that portion of *Cariboo* District situate to the East of *Fraser River* and North of *Quesnelle River*."

The amendment moved by Mr. *Beaven* was substituted for that moved by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* moved that the following words be added to the motion of Mr. *Beaven* :—

"Unless such land shall, in the opinion of the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the District, be land required for agricultural purposes."

A debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 o'clock p. m., until half-past seven o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence, Orders in Council, and other documents whatsoever, in relation to the Miners' strike at *Nanaimo*, and to the dispatch of a body of armed Volunteers, or Militia, to the District of *Nanaimo* in the spring of 1877. And also a Return of correspondence with regard to a Resolution passed by the House, on the 7th April, 1877, recommending that the Steamer *Sir James Douglas* be utilized, not only as a tender for lighthouses and lightships, but also to act as a Revenue cutter to prevent smuggling of whiskey by Indians. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The adjourned debate on the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* to the amendment moved by Mr. *Beaven*, was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*,—

That the following words be added to the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* :—"but in no case shall any employé of the Government be allowed to "purchase unsurveyed land in the said District."

The amendment moved by Mr. *Ash* was put and negatived.

The amendments moved by the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* and Mr. *Beaven* were put and Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 12 o'clock, midnight.

Wednesday, 20th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Thursday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was considered.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Walkem*,—

That the report on the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act 1878," be amended by adding to clause 3, line 1, after "Sheriff," the words "Stipendiary Magistrate, Police Magistrate, Civil Servant."

Amendment put and carried.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Tolmie* moved the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass.'"

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,—

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof: "the Bill be read a second time this day six months."

And the question being put "That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," the same was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Smithe,
Vernon,
Tolmie,

Fisher,
Smith, R.

Gordon,
Ash,

Morrison,
Pimbury,—9.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Beaven,
Evans,

Williams,
Armstrong,

Brown, W. M.

Gallagher,—6.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Gallagher asked the Honourable Mr. Elliott the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to send a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court to *Kootenay* during the ensuing season?

The Honourable Mr. Elliott replied as follows:—

"If it is possible, a Judge of either the Supreme or County Court will visit *Kootenay* this year."

Mr. Ash asked the Honourable Mr. Vernon the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to make an approach to the Public School, *Victoria*, through the piece of ground lately purchased by the Government, near *Moss Street*; and, if so, is there any objection to the work being done at once?

The Honourable Mr. Vernon replied as follows:—

"The Government has acquired, by purchase, two parcels of land between *Fort Street* and the *School Reserve*, for the purpose of constructing approaches to the said reserve; but they have not yet decided which entrance will be completed this season."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass,'" be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Evans, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 21st March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from *Charles Machin* and others, which was read.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

The Committee rose without Report.

Ordered, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill, on Friday next.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. Smith moved the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876.'"

A question being raised that the Bill ought to originate with the Government, Mr. Speaker reserved his decision on the point.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the changing of the limits of Municipalities," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 22nd March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Mara* presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved,—That the Orders of the Day be read.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

'That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted: "the first Order of the Day be set down for consideration ten days hence."

Mr. *W. M. Brown* moved, in amendment to the proposed amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

That the word "ten" be struck out, and the word "fifteen" be substituted therefor. A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 p. m., until half-past seven o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The adjourned debate on the Amendment proposed by Mr. *W. M. Brown* to the Amendment proposed by Mr. *Walkem* to the Motion—"That the Orders of the Day be read," was resumed.

Mr. *Williams* moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1878.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.15 o'clock a. m., for want of a Quorum; the following Members being then present: the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, the Honourable Mr. *Vernon*, and Messrs. *Evans*, *Fisher*, *Gordon*, *Mara*, and *Tolmie*; Mr. *Mara* acting as Speaker.

Monday, 25th March, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Z. Guest* and others, which was Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *W. M. Brown*, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause a Return to be made to this House of all Fees received by any Officer of the Government, and applied to his own use and benefit.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act, 1873.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of Mr. Douglas, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Elliott, it was Resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour, in view of the fact being now under consideration of daily mail communication between the East and Puget Sound, to recommend to the Dominion Government the expediency of having established a daily mail service between Victoria and Puget Sound.

Mr. Walkem asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act, Chap. 42 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1877."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. Ash asked the Honourable Mr. Vernon the following Question:—

What are the dates of purchase of the two parcels of land acquired for the purpose of constructing approaches from Fort Street to the Victoria School Reserve?

The Honourable Mr. Vernon replied as follows:—

"The parcel of land opposite Moss Street was purchased on the 10th July, 1877.

"The parcel of land fronting on Fort Street, being a portion of Lot VII., Spring Ridge property, was purchased on the 30th September, 1877."

Mr. W. M. Brown asked the Honourable Mr. Vernon the following Question:—

Have any timber leases or grants in the Lillooet District been applied for; and, if so, by whom and for what extent?

The Honourable Mr. Vernon replied as follows:—

"No applications for timber leases have been received from Lillooet District since the 1st January, 1876.

"There has never been a lease for timber cutting purposes granted in Lillooet District."

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

Mr. Walkem moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Evans,—

That the Order of the Day, as to Bill No. 16, be discharged, and that it be deferred for fifteen days, for the purpose of proceeding with the Quartz Mining and other important legislative measures, as the Constitution Bill, which is the Order of the Day referred to, has not been submitted to the people for their consideration.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Order of the Day having been read by the Clerk, the Motion was out of order.

An appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the same was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Elliott,	Tolmie,	Mara,	Morrison,
Smithe,	Dickinson,	Gordon,	Douglas,
Vernon,	Smith, R	Fisher,	Pimbury.—12.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Walkem,	Williams,	Ash,	Galbraith,
Beaven,	Evans,	Brown, W. M.	Gallagher.—11.
Humphreys,	Cowan,	Armstrong,	

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.50 o'clock p.m., until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that he had left the Chair for want of a Quorum in the Committee.

And then the House adjourned, at 4.40 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Ordered, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by providing for the better representation of the people in British Columbia," on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Contractors, or their Agent, or the Engineers-in-Chief, or the Resident Engineer, in reference to the Dock at *Esquimalt*, since 4th March, 1877. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and reclaiming certain Lands at Chilliwack, Sumas, and Matsqui," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred, which was *Ordered* to be printed.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*,—

That, whilst this House approves of the change proposed in our educational system,

by abolishing the office of Deputy Superintendent, they are strongly opposed to the disestablishment of the High School, which is advocated by the Bill, as they feel deeply impressed with the conviction that it is sound State policy to afford, as far as possible, to all classes of the community the privileges of a higher standard of education than the mere rudimentary lessons taught by our common schools; be it therefore resolved,—

That the Educational Bill (No. 24) is not in accord with the opinions of this House, so far as the disestablishment of the present High School is contemplated or the growth of future High Schools is fettered or cramped by its provisions.

The Motion was resolved in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,
Dickinson,
Gallagher,*

*Fisher,
Galbraith,
Armstrong,
Brown, W M
Ash,*

*Evans,
Morrison,
Douglas,
Williams,*

*Beaven,
Pimbury,
Walkem,
Humphreys—18.*

NAYS :

Messieurs

Tolmie,

Smith, R.—2.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Friday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. Beaven moved that Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to cancel certain Debentures, 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1876,'" be now read a second time.

The Motion was negatived, on the following division:—

NAYS :

Messieurs

*Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,*

*Tolmie,
Dickinson,
Smith, R*

*Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,*

*Morrison,
Douglas,
Pimbury—12.*

YEAS :

Messieurs

*Humphreys,
Walkem,
Beaven,*

*Williams,
Evans,
Cowan,*

*Ash,
Brown, W M
Armstrong,*

*Galbraith,
Gallagher—11.*

The Honourable Mr. Smithe delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read, and is as follows:—

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1878, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

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A. N. RICHARDS.

The Honourable Mr. Smithe presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the amount assessed under the "Assessment Act, 1876," the amount collected and the amount due, together with the amount of School Tax collected in each electoral district for the year 1876; and, also, a Return showing the amount assessed under the "Assessment Act, 1876," and the amount collected during the year 1877, together with the amount of assessed taxes uncollected at the end of that year, and the amount of School Tax collected during 1877, for various electoral districts. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 28th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Beaven presented a Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the *Howe Sound* Trail has been managed during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

Ordered, That the Report and papers submitted therewith be printed. (*See Appendix*.)
The Committee was discharged.

Mr. Galbraith moved, seconded by Mr. Gallagher,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the reproduction of salmon, herring, and other valuable fish is most seriously retarded by the highly pernicious practice now pursued by Indians, in annually taking and using for food the spawn of such fish in great quantities:

And whereas valuable fish of the smaller species, which mainly constitute the food of salmon, halibut, and cod, are also recklessly destroyed by being taken in nets, with unnecessarily small meshes, and cast on our fishing beaches to rot or decay:

And whereas such practices should be discountenanced and stopped; be it therefore resolved,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to place the matter before the Dominion Government, with a view to immediate steps being taken to prevent the destruction complained of, especially as many of the larger and more valuable fish have already deserted harbours where the practices alluded to have been carried on.

Mr. Smith asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Licence Amendment Act, 1875,' and the Acts thereby amended."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Elliott, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the very great necessity that exists for mail communication between the city of *Nanaimo* and the town of *Wellington*, and that His Honour be requested to urge the early attention of the Dominion Government thereto, with the object of securing mail facilities between two important centres of population.

On the motion of Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Walkem, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause application to be made to the Dominion Government for extension of telegraphic communication from the Port of *Victoria* to *Cape Beale Light-house*, or some more fitting point at the entrance of *Fuca Strait*, whence, during fog, calm, or foul wind, sailing ships bound for any of the seaports of British Columbia could telegraph for aid of steam-tugs; and whereby the commercial interests of the Province generally would be largely benefited.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Humphreys, it was *Resolved*,—

That it is not advisable to withdraw the premium for the destruction of Wolves and Panthers in settled districts, as such withdrawal tends to materially interfere with the permanent and satisfactory settlement of our farming lands.

On the motion of Mr. Ash, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all Fees and charges had and received, for their own use and benefit, by officers of the Supreme Court of the Province, in Admiralty causes, since Confederation; and, also, a Return specifying the several causes tried in the Admiralty Court during the same period, and the several sums of money paid in each cause to the Judge of the said Admiralty Court.

On the motion of Mr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Walkem, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House showing the acreage in each section of land in Victoria District; the quantity deducted from each section for roads, rock, and swamp respectively; and the name of the original purchaser thereof.

On the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Ash, it was Resolved,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all Road Tax due in the several electoral districts.

Mr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Walkem,—

Whereas Clause 27 of the "Public Works Act, 1872," provides that "It shall be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to invite tenders by public advertisement, or when such a course is impracticable, then by public notice, for the construction and repair of all public works, except in case of pressing emergency, where delay would be injurious to the public interest, or where, from the nature of the work, it can be more expeditiously and economically executed by the officers and servants of his department :—"

And whereas the Provincial Legislature, on the 20th December, 1872, affirmed that "All public works in the Province shall be done by contract when practicable :—"

This House is therefore of opinion that the Government, in carrying out the public works of the Province, should have adhered more strictly to the terms of the Statute and Resolution of this House.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Smythe,—

That the three last lines of the Motion be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof :— "This House is therefore of opinion that the Government, in carrying out the public works of the Province, should adhere strictly to the terms of the Statute and Resolution of this House."

A debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of copies of correspondence, Orders in Council, and documents relating to the Royal Commission, referred to in the Address passed on the 4th March, instant. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and reclaiming certain Lands at Chilliwhack, Sumas, and Matsqui," was considered.

The Honourable Mr. Vernon moved, in amendment, that the following words be added to Clause 33 of the Bill :—

"And all moneys which shall become payable under the provisions of this Act to the said E. L. Derby shall, on notice of any amount having been awarded as damages against the said E. L. Derby for any injury done by him to the property of any person or persons in the course of prosecuting the said work, be charged as a first charge with the amount so awarded, in the hands of the person or persons liable to pay the same, up to and until such moneys shall have been paid by the party or parties liable to pay the same.

"And any lands to which he may become entitled under the provisions of this Act, shall be in like manner charged in the hands of the said E. L. Derby, or his assigns, with such amount or amounts as shall be so awarded."

The Amendment was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p. m., until two o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 29th March, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. Brown*,—

That this House, after consideration of the correspondence laid before it, on the subject of additional buildings in connection with the Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, is of opinion that no further outlay on building is expedient at the present time; and that as it has been shown that the whole of the existing accommodation is needed for the patients now maintained by the Province, it is advisable that a non-resident Medical Officer at the old salary (\$400 per annum), assisted by a Visiting Committee to be appointed by the Government, should have the superintendence of the establishment.

The Motion was *Resolved* in the affirmative, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Humphreys,
Walkem,
Beaven,

Williams,
Evans,
Cowan,

Ash,
Brown, W. M.
Armstrong,

Galbraith,
Gallagher,
Brown, E.—12.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,

Tolmie,
Smith, R.
Mara,

Gordon,
Fisher,
Morrison,

Douglas,
Pimbury.—11.

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,—

That this House is of opinion that the Fees of Court, and costs of litigation, fixed under authority of the "Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870," and the "County Court Fees Ordinance, 1867," should be on a uniform scale, applicable to the whole Province; and that such scale, as far as is practicable or expedient, should conform to that established in the Province of *Ontario*.

A debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Estimates therewith transmitted, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.20 o'clock p. m.

Monday, 1st April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 2.5 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented a further Report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was referred. (*See Appendix.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 3.15 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, 4th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a further Return of copies of all correspondence with the Dominion Government, respecting the Acts of last Session. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House, on a division of 13 yeas and 11 nays, adjourned at 2.45 o'clock, p. m.

Friday 5th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" be placed on the Orders of the Day to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, 6th April, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, That the Orders of the Day be read.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ash*,—

That the following words be added to the motion:—"by proceeding with the Quartz Bill (No. 20.)"

A debate arose.

Mr. *Williams* moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House, for want of a Quorum, at 7.35 p. m.; the following Members being then present:—The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, and Messrs. *Fisher*, *Walkem*, *Gallagher*, *Evans*, *Williams*, and Mr. Speaker.

Monday, 8th April, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*—
That the Orders of the Day be now read.

Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by Mr. *Evans*,—

That the House proceed immediately to the consideration of Quartz Bill (No. 20).

And then the House adjourned, at 12.45 o'clock p. m., until two o'clock, p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Williams* moved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The motion was negatived.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Smithe*, in amendment to the Motion moved by Mr. *Walkem*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "the House do not go into Committee on the Quartz Bill (No. 20) until such time as the House shall grant the Supplies necessary for the public service till the new Parliament can be assembled. And the House pledges itself to go into Committee on Quartz Bill (No. 20) immediately such Supplies are granted."

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* stated he was directed to inform the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor would prorogue the House at 3 o'clock on Wednesday next, with a view to the immediate dissolution of the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* presented a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 6th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding at the end of clause 3 the words "Provided that this section shall not apply to any candidate at any election of a member to the Legislative Assembly."

A. N. RICHARDS.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 6 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, in amendment to the amendment moved by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "this House is of opinion that the Quartz Bill (No. 20) should be immediately proceeded with, and pledges itself thereafter to pass a vote on account sufficient to cover necessary expenditure up to 30th June, 1878, provided that the Quartz Act is passed through its several stages and satisfactory guarantee be given that this House will be immediately thereafter prorogued and dissolved and new writs of election issued, and that no other business will be proceeded with except by unanimous consent of the House."

The question being put, That all the words after "That" in the original motion moved by Mr. *Walkem*, "That the House proceed immediately to the consideration of the Quartz Bill (No. 20)" stand part of the question, was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Humphreys,
Walkem,
Beaven,

Williams,
Evans,
Ash,

Brown, W. M.,
Armstrong,

Galbraith,
Gallagher.—10.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Elliott,
Smithe,
Vernon,

Brown, E.
Tobnie,
Dickinson,

Mara,
Gordon,
Fisher,

Douglas,
Pembury.—11.

The House continued to sit until after midnight.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1878.

The House, having arrived at an agreement respecting the conduct of the business of the House, pursuant to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Department for the half-year ending 30th June, next.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, respecting a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Douglas*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with an amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to minerals, other than coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" be committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1.08 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Elliott*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Agreement respecting the conduct of the business of the House, arrived at yesterday, be entered on the Journals of the House.

The Agreement is as follows:—

"The House to go into Committee of Supply at once, pass the first item and report progress, and then go into Committee on Quartz Bill.

"The House to go into Committee of Supply at 11 a. m. to-morrow, and pass a vote, on account, sufficient to cover, until 30th June next, the following expenditure, viz.:—

"Salaries, Maintenance of Roads, Schools, Administration of Justice, Police, Gaols, Asylums, and Hospitals, to 30th June;

"The grant to the Cariboo Quartz Company; and the amount which may be due on Cofferdam and existing Contracts.

"The Quartz Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

"The House to be dissolved this week, and to be gazetted in Saturday's *Gazette*; and Writs to be issued immediately after dissolution.

"The Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, suggesting an amendment in the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876," to be considered."

"Other Bills to be taken up by unanimous consent."

The First Report of a Resolution from the Committee of Supply was adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,810 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,505 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lands and Works Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,535 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,512 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Legislative Department, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,590 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Supreme Court, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Sheriffs, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,261 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,416 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,929 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Lytton*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Okanagan*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,314 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 30th June 1878.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,870 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation (exclusive of Salaries) for the half year ending 30th June, 1878.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Assay Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Printing Office (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,360 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,735 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum (exclusive of Salaries) for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,075 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Charitable Allowances, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42 25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,575 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Transport, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,967 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$56,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Graving Dock, for the year ending 30th June, 1878.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Services, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,625 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Municipalities, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the 'Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.30 p. m., until two o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from *Charles F. Gullion*, which was Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from *Andrew Donohue* and others, which was read and Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consolidated Public School Act, 1876,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,016 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

What reason have you for refusing to pay the alleged claims of Mr. *George Baker*, Contractor, Public Works, *Comox*?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"*Joseph Nicholson* and *George H. Baker*, Contractors for the road from *Comox Wharf* to *Courtenay River Bridge*, *Comox* District, were paid in full for the said work on the 25th July, 1876.

"On the 1st August, 1876, the Contractors made claim for the sum of \$417 75, for extra gravelling, filling, etc., alleged to have been performed by them.

"This demand was refused on the 10th August, 1876, as the extras claimed were unauthorized by the Lands and Works Department, and at the time the Contractors were finally settled with the said Department was not aware of any such claim being withheld."

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with an amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order Bill, (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs' Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered, to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Morrison*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Victoria, 9th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for recommitment, a Bill intituled "An Act for dyking and reclaiming certain lands at Chilliwack, Sumas, and Matsqui," for the purpose of receiving the consent of the Crown to the grant of public lands mentioned in the Bill which is hereby signified.

A. N. RICHARDS.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act for Dyking and Reclaiming certain Lands at Chilliwack, Sumas, and Matsqui," be recommitment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Elliott* delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Victoria, 9th April, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises, held by him under the authority of Letters Patent to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of striking out the word "acquire" and inserting the word "said" after "hold" in the 3rd line of the 2nd clause, also of striking out the word "exchange" wherever it occurs in the 3rd clause; and also the words "for the time being held by them" from the 4th line of said clause; and also of inserting the word "said" after the word "the" in 3rd line of said clause; and also of adding a clause as follows:—

"4. And the Trustees may acquire and hold other lands for the purposes and subject to the provisions mentioned in the 'Religious Institutions Ordinance, 1869.'"

A. N. RICHARDS.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to authorize the Bishop of British Columbia to convey certain lands, hereditaments, and premises held by him, under the authority of Letters Patent, to Trustees, and to incorporate the said Trustees and enable them to hold lands," be recommitment.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Fisher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return showing the acreage in each section of land in *Victoria* District; the quantity deducted from each section for roads, rock, and swamp respectively; and the name of the original purchaser thereof.

Ordered to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

On the motion of Mr. *Galbraith*, seconded by Mr. *Gallagher*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*, or via *Osoyoos Lake*.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable Mr. *Vernon* the following Question:—

Referring to the answer you gave, on the 20th instant, to my question respecting the approach to the *Victoria* School Reserve, I now ask, has the Government yet decided which entrance will be completed this season?

The Honourable Mr. *Vernon* replied as follows:—

"The Government have not yet decided."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the half-year ending 30th June, the sum of \$319,783 25 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia, to defray the several charges and expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Pimbury*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Municipal Returns for the year 1877 be bound with the Sessional Papers.

A Message was delivered from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour, which is as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, April 9th, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes," and recommends the same for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

A. N. RICHARDS.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Message.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Bill of Supply be introduced.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Smithe* introduced a Bill, (No. 37) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes."

Bill read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 4.25 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1878.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

His Honour the Honourable *Albert Norton Richards*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

The Clerk of the House read the Titles of the following Bills :—

An Act to amend the "Power of Attorney Act, 1875."

An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1877."

An Act to amend certain Acts relating to Municipalities [*Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes of British Columbia.*]

An Act to encourage the Mining of Gold-bearing Quartz.

An Act to amend the "Ballot Act, 1877."

An Act for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia.

An Act relating to Corporations.

An Act for Dyking and Reclaiming certain lands in Chilliwhack, Sumass, and Matsqui.

An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Express Company.

An Act to incorporate the Moodyville Saw-Mill Company (Limited).

An Act for the better Regulation of Traffic on the Highways of British Columbia.

An Act to amend the "Consolidated Public School Act, 1876."

An Act relating to Minerals, other than Coal, found in lodes or veins, and to amend the "Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to amend the "School Tax Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Sheriffs' Act, 1873."

An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company (Limited).

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills. The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to "these Bills."

Then the Honourable the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes."

To this Bill, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

The Session of the Legislature now closing, and from the duties of which I have now to relieve you, has been marked by a class of legislation differing somewhat from that of former years, and of a character which I think is indicative of material progress in various branches of industry within the Province.

Amongst the subjects which have occupied your attention I regard the Mineral Bill as of great importance, and I trust, facilitating as it does the acquisition of mining ground, that it will be the means of assisting the development of the resources of our gold fields and of inducing increased energy in the prosecution of the most important industry of quartz mining.

It will, I hope, be a worthy supplement to the Act inaugurated last Session and amended and improved this Session, which has for its object the rendering of substantial assistance towards the erection of a quartz mill of such capacity as will demonstrate the paying character of the gold-bearing lodes of Cariboo.

I regard the employment of the Mining Engineer as a wise and thoughtful step, and fully justified by the results already obtained from that gentleman's valuable services.

The number of private Bills for the incorporation of Mining Companies may be regarded as evidence of substantial progress having been made in our mining affairs.

The Dyking Act, indicating, as it does, an awakening interest in the agricultural resources of the Province, will, I trust, have the effect contemplated by its promoters, and result in the complete reclamation of the rich lands which have hitherto been subject to overflow in Chilliwack, Sumass, and Matsqui Districts, whereby thousands of acres of land, unsurpassed for fertility, will be opened for settlement, and an additional field provided for a desirable class of immigrants.

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the provision that you have made for the requirements of the public service.

I trust the various measures to which you have given your attention will tend to promote the interests of the Province.

The Honourable Mr. Elliott, Attorney-General then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Friday, the Tenth day of May next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Friday, the Tenth day of May next.

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First Session,

Third Parliament.

PROCLAMATIONS.

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A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and to all whom it may concern,—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } **W**HEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and
Attorney-General. } consent of Our Executive Council of Our said Province of
 British Columbia, to prorogue the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, till the
 Tenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

NOW KNOW YE that We do for that end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby prorogue the Legislative Assembly accordingly, until the Tenth day of MAY, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on FRIDAY, the Tenth day of MAY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of the said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: **WITNESS**, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Tenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,

Acting Registrar Supreme Court.

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A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

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QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and to all whom it may concern,—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } **W**HEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and
Attorney-General. } consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of British
 Columbia, to dissolve the present Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, which
 stands prorogued to the Tenth day of May next.

NOW KNOW YE that We do, for this end, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly accordingly, and the Members thereof are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said Tenth day of May next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twelfth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,
Acting Registrar Supreme Court.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION,

A. C. ELLIOTT, } WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to
Attorney-General. } meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature, We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Legislative Assembly of Our said Province; and do further declare that, by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a new Legislative Assembly for Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on the Twelfth day of April instant, and to be returnable on or before the Twenty-ninth day of June next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twelfth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

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QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } NOW YE that We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may
Attorney-General. } be, to meet Our People of Our Province of British Columbia,

and to have their advice in Our Legislature, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, to meet at Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, on **MONDAY**, the **FIRST** day of **JULY** next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable **ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS**, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twelfth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,
Acting Registrar Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on **Monday**, the **First** day of **July** next, to have been commenced and held, and every of you,—**GREETING**:

A PROCLAMATION.

A. C. ELLIOTT, } **WHEREAS** the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for **Monday**, the
First day of **July** next, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear.

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on **MONDAY**, the **FIFTEENTH** day of the month of **JULY**, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable **ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS**, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Twelfth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

[S. L.]

A. N. RICHARDS.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on Monday, the Fifteenth day of July instant, to have been commenced and held, and every of you,—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

GEO. A. WALKER, } **W**HEREAS the meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of the
Attorney-General. } Province of British Columbia, stands called for Monday, the
Fifteenth day of July instant, at which time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and
constrained to appear. .

NOW KNOW YE that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to relieve you, and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on MONDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of JULY next, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Fifth day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-second year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY S. MASON,

Deputy Registrar Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT, VICTORIA,
29th July, 1878.

Whereas, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by Proclamation dated the 12th day of April, 1878, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, and

Whereas it was necessary to hold Elections throughout the said Province to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution.

I have now the honour to report that the said Elections have been held, and I hereby certify that the Writs and Certificates have been duly returned to me by the respective Returning Officers, whereby it appears that the Members were elected to represent the said Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof, for the respective Districts as is hereinafter set forth, viz., for—

Victoria City	{ Robert Beaven, William Wilson, James Smith Drummond, John William Williams.
Comox.....	Dr John Ash.
Esquimalt.....	{ Frederick Williams, Hans Helgesen.
Nanaimo	James Atkinson Abrams.
Victoria District.....	{ James Thomas McIlmoyl, Thomas Basil Humphreys.
Cowichan.....	{ William Smithe, Edwin Pimbury.
New Westminster District.....	{ Donald McGillivray, Wellington Harris.
New Westminster City.	Ebenezer Brown.
Yale.....	{ John Andrew Mara, Forbes George Vernon, Preston Bennett.
Kootenay	{ Charles Gallagher, Robert Leslie Thomas Galbraith.
Cariboo.....	{ George Cowan, John Evans, George Anthony Walkem.
Lillooet.....	{ William M. Brown, William Saul.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
Registrar's Office, 29th July, 1878.

Whereas the Honourable George Anthony Walkem, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Cariboo, did, on or before the twenty-seventh day of June last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

And whereas on the twenty-seventh day of June last, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District, was duly issued to Henry Maynard Ball, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

Now, I do hereby certify that this day the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said George Anthony Walkem has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member for the House of Assembly for the said District.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
Registrar's Office, 29th July, 1878.

Whereas the Honourable Robert Beaven, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Victoria City, did, on or before the twenty-seventh day of June last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

And whereas on the twenty-seventh day of June last, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District, was duly issued to A. F. Pemberton, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

Now, I do hereby certify that on the tenth day of July instant, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said Robert Beaven has been, under and by virtue of said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
Registrar's Office, 29th July, 1878.

Whereas the Honourable Thomas Basil Humphreys, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Victoria District, did, on or before the twenty-seventh day of June last, accept office under the Crown, and did thereby vacate his seat for such District in the House of Assembly.

And whereas on the twenty-seventh day of June last, a Writ for the election of a Member to represent such District, was duly issued to James Charles Prevost, Esquire, the Returning Officer of the said District.

Now, I do hereby certify that on the tenth day of July instant, the said Writ was returned to me by the said Returning Officer, with his Certificate attached thereto, whereby it appears that the said Thomas Basil Humphreys has been, under and by virtue of the said Writ, re-elected to be a Member of the House of Assembly for the said District.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Registrar Supreme Court.

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First Session,

Third Parliament.

Monday, 29th July, 1878.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Third Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Albert Norton Richards, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the fifth day of July, 1878, the members having been duly sworn took their seats.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Provincial Secretary, said—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, Member representing *Esquimalt* District, which motion was seconded by Mr. *John Evans*.

And the question being put by the Clerk, "That *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"

Resolved, That *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared *Frederick W. Williams*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:—

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* said:

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings as well as your words and action, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is with pleasure that I welcome your presence to-day for the despatch of legislative business. Summoned as you have been at an unusual period of the year, and doubtless at great personal sacrifice to many of you, I feel that your attendance on this occasion is evidence of the deep interest you take in the welfare of the country.

Several matters of importance will require your earnest attention.

I regret to state that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. By the advice of my Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875. To this protest I have received no reply. In considering these and other Railway papers, which will be laid before you, I would remind you that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion.

I have not as yet been favoured by Her Majesty's Government with any definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, but I hope to be able during the session to place you in possession of their views on the matter.

The finances of the Province will, I feel assured, receive your most careful consideration. Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to you. That portion of the system of dual taxation, that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities, will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

I shall ask your approval of a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

Your attention will be invited to the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

The cost of the Administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

The interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population will, I trust, be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the Country.

The steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and I have every confidence that such a course will eventually produce results highly beneficial to the Province. Such, at least, has been the experience of other Mineral Countries.

It is also with pleasure that I inform you that our Fisheries have so far met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

I shall now leave you, Gentlemen, confident that wisdom will govern your councils, and that the Province will be benefited by your deliberations.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned to Wednesday next, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols," was introduced.

The Bill was then read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the first day of August next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*,—

Ordered, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be considered on Wednesday next, at two o'clock.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* laid on the table a Financial Statement of the Province dated 27th June, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

And then the House adjourned, at 3.25 p. m.

Wednesday, 31st July, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Galbraith,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour to thank him for his gracious speech at the opening of this the first session of the third Provincial Legislature, and to inform him that we are glad His Honour feels that we take deep interest in the welfare of the country, and that the several matters of importance to which His Honour alluded will receive our earnest attention.

2. That we unite with His Honour in his regret that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. That we are gratified to learn that by the advice of his Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875, and we regret that no reply has been received to this protest. That we thank His Honour for impressing upon us that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion.

3. That we hope that His Honour will soon be favoured by Her Majesty's Government with a definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, and we trust His Honour will be able during the session to place us in possession of their views on the matter.

4. That we assure His Honour that the finances of the Province will receive our most careful consideration, and we mark with satisfaction that Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to us, and that that portion of the system of dual taxation that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

5. That we shall welcome a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

6. That we recognize the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

7. That we are aware that the cost of the administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and that the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

8. That we will apply ourselves to the interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population, and we trust with His Honour that it will be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the country.

9. That the steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and we unite with His Honour in his expression of confidence that eventually highly beneficial results will be produced, as in other mineral countries.

10. That it is with pleasure we hear from His Honour that our Fisheries have, so far, met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

11. That we thank His Honour for his gracious announcement of confidence that wisdom will govern our councils, and that the Province will be benefited by our deliberations.

The several clauses being, on motion, taken as again read were agreed to.
And it was *Resolved* accordingly.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for His gracious Speech, be referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—

The Honourable the Attorney-General, the Honourable the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. *Wilson* and *Galbraith*.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which read as follows:—

To the Honourable ALBERT NORTON RICHARDS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this the first Session of the third term of our Legislature.

We are glad Your Honour feels that we take a deep interest in the welfare of the country, and that the several matters of importance to which Your Honour alluded will receive our earnest attention.

We unite with Your Honour in your regret that the Railway question is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. We are gratified to learn that by the advice of your Ministers, shortly after they assumed office, a telegram, followed by a despatch, was sent to the Secretary of State, strongly protesting against the steel rails being used or removed for purposes other than those for which they were designed when landed on the Island in 1875, and we regret that no reply has been received to this protest. We thank Your Honour for impressing upon us that the time has come when delay in the construction of the work, both on the Mainland and Island, can no longer be justified; and it is therefore incumbent upon us to take measures much more decisive than the mere entry of protests, which, however firm and just, have been systematically disregarded by the Government of the Dominion.

We hope that Your Honour will soon be favoured by Her Majesty's Government with a definite answer in reply to the proposal which was made to them with respect to the completion of our Graving Dock, and we trust Your Honour will be able during the session to place us in possession of their views on the matter.

We assure Your Honour that the finances of the Province will receive our most careful consideration, and we mark with satisfaction that Estimates and measures, framed with a view to scrupulously maintain the Provincial credit and more closely equalize Revenue and Expenditure, will be submitted to us, and that that portion of the system of dual taxation that has given rise to so much complaint in Municipalities will be discontinued at the close of the present year.

We shall welcome a measure aiming at a large extension of our Municipal institutions, so that the management of local affairs may be placed in the hands of those more immediately interested in them.

We recognize the necessity of placing the representation of the Province on a more acceptable footing, without increasing the number of Representatives.

We are aware that the cost of the administration of Justice is much greater than it should be; and that the interests of the Mainland require that resident Judges of the Supreme Court should be appointed to that portion of the Province.

We will apply ourselves to the interesting problem of properly dealing with our Chinese population, and we trust with Your Honour that it will be solved this Session to the satisfaction of the country.

The steady perseverance shown in the development of our mineral wealth is a subject for congratulation, and we unite with Your Honour in your expression of confidence that eventually highly beneficial results will be produced, as in other mineral countries.

It is with pleasure we hear from Your Honour that our Fisheries have, so far, met with unabated success, and that regulations for their protection have recently been made by the Dominion Government.

We thank Your Honour for your gracious announcement of confidence that wisdom will govern our councils, and that the Province will be benefited by our deliberations.

The Address was *Ordered* to be printed and to be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to fully enquire into and report upon the condition of the Civil Service, with power to call for persons, books, papers, and accounts, the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, Messrs. *Wilson*, *J. W. Williams*, *McGillivray*, *Galbraith*, and *Mara*.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *J. W. Williams*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House is of opinion that Chinese should not be employed upon the Public Works of the Province, and that a clause should be inserted in the specifications of all contracts awarded, to the effect that Contractors will not be permitted to employ Chinese labour upon the work, and that in the event of their doing so the Government will not be responsible for payment of Contract.

Messrs. *Wilson*, *Williams*, *Gallagher*, *Smithe*, and *Mara* were nominated to form the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Messrs. *Ash*, *Drummond*, *Evans*, *W. M. Brown*, and *E. Brown* were nominated to form the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Messrs. *Smithe*, *Bennett*, *McGillivray*, *Humphreys*, and *Helgesen* were nominated to form the Committee on Printing.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock, p.m., on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5 o'clock, p.m.

Friday, 2nd August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. *McGillivray* presented a Petition from *Arthur J. Watson* and others, which was read and *Ordered* to be printed. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Address in reply to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech being again read, the said Address was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address in reply to the Speech be engrossed, and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

Government House,

Victoria, 1st August, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'"

Government House,

Victoria, 2nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Messages of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to report on Monday next.

Mr. *Vernon* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act relating to Municipalities."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Vernon*, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down, in a printed form, copies of correspondence (if any) between the Government or any member thereof, and any person or persons that may have made propositions for dyking certain portions of the *Fraser* lands since June 27th, 1878.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* the following question:—

What action, if any, has the Government, taken in regard to a Resolution of this House passed the 9th of April, 1878, asking His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to urge upon the Dominion Government the absolute necessity of establishing a monthly mail between *Victoria* and *Kootenay*, via *Spokane*, *Washington Territory*, or via *Osoyoos Lake*?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The Resolution was forwarded to *Ottawa* on the 30th April. A despatch was received from the Dominion Government on 3rd May, acknowledging the receipt. No information since that date."

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Standing Orders were suspended.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts, up to date, be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Drummond*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 3.30 p. m.

Monday, 5th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. Helgesen, seconded by Mr. J. W. Williams, it was *Resolved*—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of all correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, on the subject of the Graving Dock, since the 19th day of February, 1878.

On the motion of Mr. Ash, seconded by Mr. Abrams, it was *Resolved*—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return be made to this House of all correspondence held between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, during the current year, on the subject of the Railway Reservation of the *East Coast* of Vancouver Island.

Mr. McGillivray asked the Honourable Mr. Beaven the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates to be appropriated to the use of Agricultural Societies?

The question was withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Honourable Mr. Walkem delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Insurance Companies."

Government House,

Victoria, 1st August, 1878.

A. N. RICHARDS,

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

Government House.

Victoria, 5th August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Messages of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to report on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. E. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876.'"

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Abrams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday, 7th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

That copies of correspondence (if any) between the Dominion and Provincial Governments relating to the disallowance of the County Courts Act of last Session, be laid before this House.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pimbury*,—

That in the opinion of this House, the Government ought to bring down a Bill this Session to provide for the imposition of a compulsory mining licence of twenty dollars per annum, upon every Chinese person following the occupation of gold mining in the Province of British Columbia, in lieu of the Bill (No. 5) now before the House; and this House further recommends that between this and the next Session of the Legislature the Government prepare carefully a Bill to further deal with the Chinese question.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,—

Strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "the Chinese question be not now considered, but be deferred until the Chinese Tax Bill (No. 5) be considered.

The Amendment was put and carried.

Motion as amended put and carried.

Mr. *Harris* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question—

Have there been any complaints with respect to the management of the Lunatic Asylum?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"No official information has reached the Government complaining of the management in the Lunatic Asylum."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts" be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance presented a Statement of the Expenditure for the six months ended 30th June, 1878.

Ordered to be printed. (See Sessional Papers.)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pimbury*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

Thursday, 8th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pimbury*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be considered on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved that Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be now read a second time.

Mr. *Mara* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*,—

To strike out all the words after "That" and insert the following:—"Whilst we regret that it is necessary, in the present financial condition of the Province, to collect tolls on the *Cariboo* Trunk Road, this House is of opinion that the tolls should be imposed in a just and equitable manner, and that Bill (No. 6) be not now read a second time, but that it be referred to a Select Committee to enquire fully into the question, and report to this House the amount of tolls to be levied, and the place where such tolls should be collected."

Amendment put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Smithe,
Mara,

Bennett,
Vernon,

McGillivray,
Harris,

Pimbury—7.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Galbraith,

Abrams,
Brown, E.
Brown, W. M.
Helgesen,

McIlmoyl,
Coran,
Drummond,
Evans,

Saul,
Williams, J. W.
Wilson—15.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *J. W. Williams*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed on Friday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

Friday, 9th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and *C. O'Keefe*, and the Government, or any members thereof, and the Indian Commissioners, relating to the award by the Commissioners to the Indians of certain lands at *Okanagan*, claimed by *C. O'Keefe*.

Mr. *McIlmoyl* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting the Trespasses Summary Remedy Act."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the following question :—

What course the Government intend to pursue with regard to a Ferry at *Savona*?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows :—

"The Government have not yet decided."

Mr. *Galbraith* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:

What action (if any) has the Government taken in regard to a Resolution of this House, passed February 22nd, 1878, praying that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will cause the Dominion Government to be informed of the pressing need for the establishment of such agencies as exist in other parts of the Dominion amongst certain Indian tribes of this Province?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows :—

"The Resolution was transmitted to the Dominion Government on the 18th day of March, 1878. An acknowledgment of the receipt of the Resolution was received by the Provincial Government on the 2nd April, last. No further information has been received."

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to the Municipal and Licence Acts."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned, at 5 p. m.

Monday, 12th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider this Resolution on Wednesday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Harris*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford Owners and Occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of Trespass,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Drummond*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.30 p. m.

Tuesday, August 13th, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of Expenditure for the half-year ended 30th June, 1878, being either arrears of 1877, or in excess of vote to 30th June, 1878, or for which no vote was taken. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to make further provision for the Administration of Justice," was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to afford Owners and Occupiers of land a summary remedy in case of Trespass,'" was considered.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House at its rising do stand adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock.

And then the House adjourned at 3 p.m.

Monday, 19th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* presented a Report from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the condition of the Civil Service, which was read and ordered to be printed and published with the Journals of this Session. (*See Appendix.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and C. O'Keefe, and the Government, or any members thereof, and the Indian Commissioners, relating to the award by the Commissioners to the Indians of certain lands at *Okanagan*, claimed by C. O'Keefe. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance that the important subjects submitted to you will receive your attention.

*Government House,
19th August, 1878.*

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement, as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, of the Expenditure of the Lands and Works Department for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a Return of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons who have made propositions for dyking certain portions of the *Fraser* lands since June 27th, 1878.

Ordered, That the said correspondence be referred to the Printing Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the motion,—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Fees of Courts of Justice and of practitioners thereof."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Mara* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Members' Indemnity Act, 1875.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act, 1876."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 16) intituled the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1878."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced.

Ordered to be read a first time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 17) intituled the "Mineral Amendment Act, 1878."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question :—

Have the Dominion Government replied to the Address of the House of the 25th February last, on the subject of the transmission of the Judge's notes with an application for the remission of a sentence?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows :—

"That a reply to the Address referred to has been received from the Dominion Government."

Mr. *McGillivray* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question :—

What was the reason for ordering Mr. *Murchison*, Contractor, to stop work on the Coast Meridian Road Contract in *New Westminster* District? And if it is the intention of the Government to order Mr. *Murchison* to complete his contract, or to indemnify him for what work he has already done?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows :—

"The Coast Meridian Road Contract was stopped on account of the sum of money appropriated for *New Westminster* District having been exceeded. The work was also a new one, and was therefore undertaken in direct violation of the agreement entered into between the Government and the House in April last."

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly. *See Sessional Papers.*

Government House,
Victoria, 17th August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On the Order of the Day being read for the Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts,"

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendments to Sections 1 and 12 of the Bill, inserting the words "Physician, Surgeon, and Land Surveyor," were out of order.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker's ruling be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.45 p. m.

Tuesday, 20th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* presented, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on the subject of the Graving Dock, since the 19th day of February, 1878. (*See Sessional Papers.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia."

Government House,
Victoria, 19th August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to report on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,292 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Interest, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Pursuant to Order, the First Report of Resolution from the Committee of Supply was considered.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty the sum of \$26,292.50 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee reported the Resolution and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,818 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Sinking Fund, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460 82 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Premium and Exchange, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$863 60 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Discount and Commission, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$775 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lieutenant-Governor's Office, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines' Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into the said Committee to-morrow

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mc Gillivray*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to convey the following Resolution to the proper authority at *Ottawa*, with a request that a copy thereof be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

That whereas the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia views with satisfaction the greatly increased interest manifested in England's Colonial Possessions by representative men of all parties within the British Isles;

And whereas it is believed that the perpetuation of the power and prestige of the Anglo-Saxon race, under British rule, depends upon the closer union of the wide-spread and diversified component parts of the Empire; be it therefore Resolved,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that the Government of the Dominion of Canada should submit to the notice of the Imperial Government, in such manner as may be thought most expedient, the necessity for the establishment of such judicious federal relations between Great Britain and Canada as will conduce to the greater prosperity and well-being of Her Majesty's subjects in these Dominions, and tend to develop a system of general federation of the Empire.

On the motion of Mr. *Ash*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 8) intituled "An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,240 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Treasury Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lands and Works Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Attorney-General's Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Registrar-General's Department, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd August, 1878.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" and suggests to the Assembly the advisability of adding the enclosed clause thereto.

"2. Provided that all plant and material used in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway shall be exempted from such toll, under and subject to such regulations as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe."

Government House,
Victoria, 22nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876,'" be recommitted.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *E. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments. ;

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Helgesen* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to send down to this House copies of all correspondence (if any) which has taken place between the Government and the Commission appointed to enquire into the truth of the allegations of the Members for *Kootenay*:—"That the "Leader of the Government had, through his *Kootenay* agents or otherwise, and alone "or in connection with any other Members of the House" (of Assembly) "virtually "endeavoured to influence the representatives or electors of the district by offering him, "Mr. *Gallagher*, \$1,000 and the Government constablenesship, filled by *George A. Kelly*, "worth \$1,400 a year, and, inside of three months, the best position in the gift of the "Government." Also, copies of all the correspondence which has taken place between the Commission and Mr. *Elliott* in regard to the enquiry.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Mara*, it was *Resolved*,—

That all Returns asked for by the House, and not brought down before the close of the Session, be printed and published with the other sessional papers.

On the motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return shewing what moneys were voted in aid of immigration, the amounts (if any) expended for that purpose, to whom paid, dates of payment, and dates of Orders in Council authorizing payments, together with copies of applications for aid.

Mr. *Drummond* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House a Return of the names of the

Voters of the *Yale* and *Cowichan* Districts who received public moneys in the years 1877 and 1878, with the amount of money paid to them (if any) set opposite their respective names.

Mr. *Mara* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smithe*,—

To strike out the words "of the *Yale* and *Cowichan* Districts" and insert the following: "in the several Districts of the Province," and add the following: "stating in detail in what capacity they acted, and for what services such moneys were received."

The proposed Amendment was put and negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Bennett,
Brown, E.

Mara,
McGillivray,

Pimbury,
Smithe,

Vernon—7.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Abrams,

Drummond,
Evans,
Galbraith,

Gallagher,
Helgesen,
McIlmoyl,

Saul,
Williams, J. W.,
Wilson—13.

The original motion of Mr. *Drummond* was put and carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Abrams,

Drummond,
Evans,
Galbraith,

Gallagher,
Helgesen,
McIlmoyl,

Saul,
Williams, J. W.
Wilson—13.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Ash,
Bennett,

Brown, E.,
Mara,

McGillivray,
Pimbury,

Smithe,
Vernon—8.

On the motion of Mr. *Smithe*, seconded by Mr. *Vernon*, it was Resolved,—

That copies be sent down to this House of all correspondence between the Government or any and every department thereof and *F. Foord*, Esq., J.P., relating to his non-return of convictions and non-payment of fines, as required by the "Justices of the Peace and Coroners Oaths Act, 1874," Sections 5 and 7.

Mr. *E. Brown* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question:

Have the Government any intention of establishing a High School in *New Westminster* this year? If not, are they prepared to procure the services of a competent teacher, provided the residents of *New Westminster* find the necessary accommodation?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The Government have not, as yet, come to any decision on this matter, but they will give the subject their best attention as soon as possible."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

Inasmuch as Dr. *Jones* was induced to leave *Cariboo* and come down to *New Westminster* specially to take charge of the Lunatic Asylum as Medical Superintendent; and inasmuch as his appointment was recommended by a majority of the members of the medical profession in the Province, who represented him as being well qualified to fill the position, it would not be unnatural to suppose that some consideration had been extended to him; was, therefore, the office of medical attendant of the Asylum offered to him by the Government at the time when, or at any time before or after, the change of policy respecting the Asylum, consequent on a vote of this House, was carried into effect; if not, why not?

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of order.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

What reason induced the Government to cancel the appointment of *T. J. Skinner*, Esq., and appoint *F. Foord*, Esq., in his stead, to hold a Court of Appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1876," for the District of *Salt Spring* and adjacent Islands?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The Government considered the change advisable in the interests of the District."

Mr. *McGillivray* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

Is it the intention of the Government to record in favour of all applicants who have applied for Crown Land to pre-empt or purchase previous to the Minute in Council reserving Crown Lands from *Burrard Inlet* upwards, for Railway purposes; but said lands were not open for pre-emption or purchase previous to the above said date?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

"Provision has been made in the Minute of Council to meet the cases referred to by the Honourable Member."

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 2 to 10 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Legislation, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Registration of Voters, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Assay Office, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Lunatic Asylum, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,849 98 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Revenue Service, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Supreme Court, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$708 32 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Sheriffs, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, County Court, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,826 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Victoria*, for the half year ending 31st December, 1878.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$422 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Esquimalt* and *Victoria* Districts, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,523 65 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$435 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *New Westminster* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,202 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Kootenay*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,836 33 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$640 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Yale*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Kamloops*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 23rd August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for consideration, a Bill intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876."

Government House,
22nd August, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House to report thereon.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Evans*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 11 to 28 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Police and Gaols, *Okanagan*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,662 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries, Police and Gaols, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Indemnity to Members, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Mileage, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$675 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Registration of Voters (other than Salaries) for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,375 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Elections, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Contingent Fund, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Journals and Statutes Binding, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Assay Office, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Printing Office, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,180 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Lunatic Asylum, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,479 16 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *New Westminster*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cariboo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital, *Cassiar*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital Allowance, Medicines, &c., for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,725 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,330 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Police and Gaols, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salary, Superintendent of Education, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,995 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Victoria City District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,855 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Victoria District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Esquimalt District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Cowichan District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Nanaimo District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Comox District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *New Westminster City District*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,090 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *New Westminster* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Hope-Yale* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,020 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Lillooet* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,080 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Teachers' Salaries, *Cariboo* District, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Freight on Remittances, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$575 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Travelling Expenses of Officers on Duty, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$275 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Keep of Horses, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24.25 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent, Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Rent of Boat House, *Nanaimo*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for Monday next.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, 26th August, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to the Protection of Game."

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Galbraith* asked leave to introduce a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878.'"

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:—

Was the office of medical attendant of the Lunatic Asylum offered by the Government to Dr. *Jones* (the late Medical Superintendent), at the time when, or at any time before or after, the change of policy respecting the Asylum, consequent on a vote of this House, was carried into effect; if not, why not?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The office was not offered to Dr. *Jones*, but a permanent resident of *New Westminster* was appointed in deference to the expressed opinion of the House last Session."

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:

What has been the cost of revising and consolidating the Statutes by the late Government, including the cost of printing, paper, binding, &c., &c.? How many copies have been printed? Have the Consolidated Statutes any legal value; if not, what steps are necessary to make them law?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The cost of the Statutes, including many extra separate copies of the Land, Mining, and other Acts, was \$4,724.09; the number printed was 1,500, 500 of which have been bound. I am of opinion that the Consolidated Statutes require a special Act of the Legislature to make them law."

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following Question:

What is the estimated annual cost to this Province of the Indian Reserve Commission; and at what date will its labours probably terminate?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows:—

"The cost of the Indian Reserve Commission, as at present organized, is defrayed by the Dominion Government. I am unable to state when its labours will terminate."

Mr. *Wilson* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Question:—

What amount did the late Government expend on the *Cowichan* Road? What is its length? Are there any agricultural lands adjoining it? What (if anything) has it developed?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows:—

"The late Government expended \$13,593 57 on the *Cowichan-Goldstream* road. The length of this road is 27½ miles. The line between *Cowichan* and *Goldstream*, to quote the Surveyor's language, 'will not open up any agricultural land, with the exception of 'a piece of swamp at the head of *Shawnigan Lake*, and therefore it is not likely that 'there will be any settlers along the line of road.' The whole road is not completed."

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 29 to 64 inclusive, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,902 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Works and Buildings, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$324 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, *Victoria*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,349 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,857 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,066 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Graving Dock, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Advertising, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,790 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Stationery, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Postage, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$425 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Telegrams, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,025 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fuel and Light, for the half-year ending 31st December 1878.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Library, Legislative and Departmental, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fees to Registrars, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refunds (Drover's License), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Galbraith, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.50 p. m.

Tuesday, 27th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply, from 65 to 77 inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$995 50 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Royal Commission (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$507 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Consolidation of Statutes, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Aid to Quartz Mill (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,025 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous not detailed, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fire Department, Barkerville (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Fire Department, Lightning Creek (re-vote), for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Allowance to Officer, Kootenay, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$86,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Debentures, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

86. *Resolved*. That a sum not exceeding \$4,085 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Revenue Services, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That leave be granted for 2.30 o'clock p. m. to-day.

The several Resolutions of the Committee of Supply from 78 to 86 inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, a sum not exceeding \$313,133 61 to meet the further Supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

The Resolution having been read a second time was agreed to.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government, and for other purposes, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878," was then introduced and read a first time.

Ordered that the Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 12.40 p. m., until 2.30 o'clock p. m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Wilson* presented a Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and ordered to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. *Smithe* presented a minority Report from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Report was read, received, and ordered to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Pimbury*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cowan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommend that a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia," be introduced.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Saut*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to establish a Tariff of Costs and make Rules and Orders in the Supreme and County Courts," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of *Nanaimo*, *Cowichan*, and *Kootenay*," was read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Members' Indemnity Act, 1875,'"

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was out of order.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1878,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Gallagher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p. m.

Wednesday, 28th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 20, intituled "An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876," was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Vernon* asked the Honourable the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount of real estate tax for which each Municipality in the Province was assessed on the Assessment Roll for 1877?

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* replied as follows:—

"The amount of real estate tax on the *Victoria* City roll for 1877, is \$7,884 79; this is the only roll in the Treasury Department that shows separately the assessment on real estate in Municipalities, the amounts, however, in other Municipalities can only be trifling."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 10, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on Bill No. 13, intituled "An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish a Tariff of Costs in the Supreme and County Courts" was considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 18, intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Drummond*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 24, intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McIlmoyl*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 15, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *W. M. Brown*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now considered.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 17, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act, 1872,'" was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 19, intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 21, intituled "An Act to amend the 'School Tax Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, Bill No. 22, intituled "An Act relating to the Protection of Game," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned, at 5.55 p. m.

Thursday, 29th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Beaven*,—

That in the opinion of this House an humble Address, to the following or to the like effect, respecting the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, be presented to Her Majesty:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in the First Session of the Third Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing—

1. That, on the 31st day of July, 1874, the Government of this Province humbly presented a Petition to Your Majesty, alleging (amongst other matters) that the main inducement which led British Columbia to enter the Dominion of Canada, on the 20th day of July, 1871, was the Agreement by the latter to commence in two and complete in ten years from that date the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and that this Agreement has been violated by Canada. The Petitioners therefore prayed that Your Majesty would, under the circumstances set forth in the Petition, be graciously pleased to cause justice to be done to British Columbia. To this Petition your present Petitioners (the Legislative Assembly) beg leave to refer Your Majesty.

2. That after protracted negotiations on the subject between Your Majesty's Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Earl of Carnarvon) and the Dominion Government, His Lordship was pleased to signify his conclusions upon the question in dispute, in the following language, addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada:—

"(1.) That the Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo shall be commenced as soon as possible, and completed with all practicable dispatch.

"(2.) That the surveys on the Mainland shall be pushed on with the utmost vigour.

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"It would be distasteful to me, if, indeed, it were not impossible, to prescribe strictly any minimum of time or expenditure with regard to work of so uncertain a nature; but, happily, it is equally impossible for me to doubt that your Government will loyally do its best in every way to accelerate the completion of a duty left freely to its sense of honour and justice.

"(3.) That the waggon road and telegraph line shall be immediately constructed. "There seems here to be some difference of opinion as to the special value to the

"Province of the undertaking to complete these two works; but after considering what has been said, I am of opinion that they should both be proceeded with at once, as indeed is suggested by your Ministers.

"(4.) That 2,000,000 dollars a year and not 1,500,000 dollars, shall be the minimum expenditure on railway works within the Province from the date at which the surveys are sufficiently completed to enable that amount to be expended on construction. In naming this amount, I understand that, it being alike the interest and the wish of the Dominion Government to urge on with all speed the completion of the works now to be undertaken, the annual expenditure will be as much in excess of the minimum of 2,000,000 dollars as in any year may be found practicable.

"(5.) Lastly, that on or before the 31st December, 1890, the railway shall be completed and open for traffic from the Pacific seaboard to a point at the western end of Lake Superior, at which it will fall into connection with the existing lines of railway through a portion of the United States, and also with the navigation on Canadian waters. To proceed, at present, with the remainder of the railway extending, by the country northward of Lake Superior, to the existing Canadian lines, ought not, in my opinion, to be required, and the time for undertaking that work must be determined by the development of settlement and the changing circumstances of the country. The day is, however, I hope, not very distant when a continuous line of railway through Canadian territory will be practicable, and I therefore look upon this portion of the scheme as postponed rather than abandoned." [Vide despatch, Lord Carnarvon to Lord Dufferin, 17th November, 1874.]

3. That the Dominion Government, one month later, assented to these proposals; and stated, in effect, that they would be carried out, as they upheld in the main their own policy on the question, and violated neither the letter nor the spirit of any parliamentary provision. The Settlement thus effected was intended and supposed to be final and conclusive. [Vide despatch, Lord Dufferin to Lord Carnarvon, 18th December, 1874.]

4. That, owing to the almost total disregard of the above Settlement by the Dominion, and the consequent serious and recurring loss inflicted upon the Province, the Legislative Assembly, early in the Session of 1876, unanimously passed an humble Address to Your Majesty, setting forth the several grounds upon which their complaint was based, and praying that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to cause the Dominion Government to be moved to carry out the terms above mentioned. To this Address, Your Petitioners humbly beg leave to refer Your Majesty.

5. That, in December of the same year, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lord Carnarvon) was pleased to inform the Province that it might be fairly expected that, between the Spring of 1877 and that of 1878, many doubtful points connected with the route of the Railway would be more clearly defined; and His Lordship further intimated that, as it was his belief that "after the delay of a single summer *** "British Columbia" would experience no "obstacle to the active prosecution of the "undertaking," the Province should not refuse to submit to the work of construction being deferred for that period. [Vide despatch, Lord Carnarvon to Lord Dufferin, 18th December, 1876.]

6. That the Provincial Government, on the 26th March, 1877, without prejudice to any of the rights of the Province, conceded the delay mentioned, in deference to His Lordship's wishes.

7. That, although the time so conceded expired some months ago, the Dominion Government have not carried out their agreement, nor have they fulfilled any of the conditions of the Settlement of 1874 with respect to the active prosecution of Railway construction in the Province.

8. To repeat the language of the Minute of the Provincial Government, approved of on the 26th March, 1877, Your Petitioners exceedingly regret to state, "that the succession of failures on the part of the Dominion Government to fulfil the several Railway agreements solemnly entered into with this Province, has produced a feeling of disappointment and distrust so widespread and intense as to severely and injuriously affect the commercial and industrial interests" of the Province "and seriously retard its general prosperity."

9. Under these circumstances, and with a view to prevent, if possible, the repetition in the future of the disasters of the past, Your Petitioners, with great regret, feel com-

pelled, in defence of the interests of the people of the Province at large, to resort to the unavoidable alternative forced upon them by the conduct of the Dominion Government in this matter, and to therefore humbly pray that, in the event of the Dominion Government failing to carry into effect the terms of the Settlement of 1874, on or before the first day of May next, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to see fit to order and direct—

That British Columbia shall thereafter have the right to exclusively collect and retain her Customs and Excise duties and to withdraw from the Union; and shall also, in any event, be entitled to be compensated by the Dominion for losses sustained by reason of past delays and the failure of the Dominion Government to carry out their Railway and other obligations to the Province.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c., &c.

The debate, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, was adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Beaven* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Supplementary Estimate of additional expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

Government House,
29th August, 1878.

ENCLOSURE.

"An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved,—That Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," be introduced.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Acting Chairman of the Committee, reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

The Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved,—That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, to meet the further Supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee reported the Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Report adopted.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," was introduced, and read a first and second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *McGillivray*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendment.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion, on the subject of the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pimbury*, in amendment to the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion,—

That clause 9 be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"That under the circumstances therefore, and in view of the inability of British Columbia, of itself, to compel Canada to carry out its Railway obligations to this Province, to which, by every consideration of justice and sense of honour, it is bound, your petitioners humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to move to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity, at this late date, for carrying into immediate effect its agreement to build the Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo*, and to urge also the importance of hastening commencement of construction on the Mainland, so that in both sections of the Province, the feeling of uncertainty produced and injury inflicted by the constantly recurring and long continued delays which have been experienced in the commencement of that important work shall be completely and permanently allayed.

"And Your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc."

And the question being put—"That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question,"—the Motion was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Brown, W. M.</i>	<i>Galbraith,</i>	<i>Saul,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Gallagher,</i>	<i>Williams, J. W.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Helgesen,</i>	<i>Wilson—15.</i>
<i>Abrams,</i>	<i>Evans,</i>	<i>McIlmoyl,</i>	

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Harris,</i>	<i>McGillivray,</i>	<i>Vernon,</i>
<i>Bennett,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Pimbury—9.</i>
<i>Brown, E.</i>			

On motion, the debate on the original Motion was adjourned till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, 30th August, 1878.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The adjourned debate on the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion, on the subject of the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. *Ash* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harris*, in amendment to the Honourable Mr. *Walkem's* Motion,—

That all words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted:—"a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to inform the Dominion Government that this House regards the decision of the Right Honourable Earl Carnarvon, given in 1874, as a binding settlement of all questions in dispute between British Columbia and the Dominion Government, on the subject of Railway construction in this Province, at the time of its publication; and that the delays which have occurred in carrying out that decision have occasioned serious loss and disappointment to the people of this Province; and, further, that this House recognizing the difficult position in which the Dominion Government has been placed, and actuated by a sincere desire to maintain the Union of British Columbia with the other Provinces of the Confederation, pledges itself to abide by the result of an arbitration, having for its object such modification of the settlement of 1874 as will fulfil the spirit, if it be found impracticable to carry out the letter, of that agreement."

A debate arose, which was adjourned till the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

And then the House adjourned, at 1 p. m., until 2.30 p. m.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Honour.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the "Chinese Tax Act, 1878," to the Legislative Assembly, with a recommendation that the enclosed section be added thereto.

Government House,

Victoria, 30th August, 1878.

ENCLOSURE.

"18. The provisions contained in sections 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14, shall not be enforceable or have any effect until after the expiration of one month from the passage of this Act."

Ordered, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the said Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Galbraith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the proposed Amendment, moved by Mr. *Ash*, to the Motion of the Honourable Mr. *Walkem*, respecting the violation by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, was resumed.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the said Amendment was not in order,

And the original Motion being put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Walkem,
Beaven,
Humphreys,
Abrams,

Drummond,
Evans,
Galbraith,
Brown, W. M.

Gallagher,
Helgesen,
McIlmoyl,

Saul,
Williams, J. W.
Wilson—14.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Ash,
Bennett,
Harris,

Brown, E.,
Mara,

McGillivray,
Pimbury,

Smithe,
Vernon—9.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Walkem, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Beaven, it was *Resolved*,—

1. That the Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty, with respect to the breach by Canada of her Railway engagements with this Province, be engrossed and printed, and the original be signed by Mr. Speaker.

2. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting His Honour to forward the Petition, when signed by Mr. Speaker, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a respectful request that the said Petition may be laid before Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty will be graciously moved to favourably consider the same, and order the signification of Her Royal pleasure thereon to be communicated to the Government of this Province as soon as practicable.

On the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Act, 1876,'" being called,

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Beaven, it was *Resolved* that the following amendments be made thereto:—

"In section 39, insert '75, 76,' and in line 2 '104.'"

"Insert the following new sections:—

"42. The Assessor or Collector, or any other person authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to sell property by public auction for delinquent tax, under the provisions of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' and amendments thereto.

"43. Section 33 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by inserting 'agent' after the word 'trustee' in the second line.

"44. Section 105 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out all the words after the word 'receipts,' in the ninth line, to the end of the section.

"45. Section 106 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the words 'and Sheriff.'

"46. Section 109 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the words 'or Sheriff.'

"47. Section 110 of the 'Assessment Act, 1876,' is hereby amended, by striking out the word 'Sheriff' and inserting 'Assessor or Collector.'"

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 7.30 o'clock, p.m.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876,'" was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Harris*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' by creating a new Electoral District, and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, Cowichan, and Kootenay," was read a second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bennett*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without amendments.

Report adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, seconded by Mr. *Beaven*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Qualification and Registration of Voters Act (1876) Amendment Act, 1878,'" on Monday next, be discharged, in order that the said Bill be now read a third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Mr. *Vernon* asked the Honourable the Provincial Secretary the following question :

Is it the intention of the Government to refund the premium paid by Justices of the Peace, in accordance with the terms of an Order in Council of 1877, on wolves and panthers killed near settlements during the year 1877?

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys* replied as follows :—

"The Government is not in possession of sufficient information to answer the question satisfactorily."

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the following question :—

Has any communication been received by the present Provincial Government, from the Imperial Government, relative to the propositions made by the late Government of the Province regarding the completion of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*; and has any communication been sent by the present Government of the Province to the Imperial Government upon the subject? If so, what was the nature of the communication?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows :—

"No."

Mr. *Helgesen* asked the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following Questions:—

1. When is it expected that the Coffe-dam at *Esquimalt* will be completed?

2. What course will the Government pursue with a view to the construction of the Graving Dock at *Esquimalt*?

The Honourable Mr. *Walkem* replied as follows :—

"1. It is expected that the Coffe-dam will be completed this year.

"2. The Government cannot say what course they will pursue until they hear from the Imperial Government."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p.m.

And then the House adjourned, at 11 p.m.

Monday, 2nd September, 1878.

TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Honour the Honourable *Albert Norton Richards*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair,

The Clerk of the House read the Titles to the following Bills:—

An Act to provide for employing prisoners without the walls of Common Gaols.

An Act to amend the "Highways Nuisances Removal Act, 1878."

An Act to make further provision for the administration of Justice.

An Act to provide for the better collection of Provincial Taxes from Chinese.

An Act to amend the "Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876."

An Act relating to certain Ordinances and Acts.

An Act to amend "An Act to afford owners and occupiers of land a summary remedy in certain cases of trespass."

An Act to amend the law relating to the Legal Professions.

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish a Tariff of Costs in the Supreme and County Courts.

An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1876."

An Act to amend the "Constitution Act, 1871," by creating a new Electoral District and providing for a redistribution of seats in the Districts of Nanaimo, Cowichan, and Kootenay.

An Act to amend the "Mineral Act, 1878."

An Act relating to the Crown Lands in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the law respecting Retail Liquor Licences.

An Act relating to the British Columbia Loan Acts, 1874 and 1876.

An Act to amend the "School Tax Act, 1876."

An Act relating to the Protection of Game.

An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1876."

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

The same was announced by the Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then the Honourable the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR :

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present, for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes," and a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain further sums of money required for defraying the expenses of Civil Government for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878, and for other purposes."

To these Bills the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to these Bills."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

The labours of the Session, which is now drawing to a close, will, I feel convinced, exercise a beneficial influence upon the future of the Province.

Your address to Her Majesty respecting our Railway relations with Canada will be immediately forwarded in accordance with your request.

The legislation of the Session upon questions bearing more or less directly upon financial matters, is of a very gratifying character, as it has evinced a readiness on your part to cordially co-operate with my Ministers in their endeavours to reduce the hitherto excessive cost of Government, and to equalize, as far as possible, our Revenue and Expenditure. These very desirable objects cannot, of course, be wholly accomplished at once; but I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the marked advance you have already made towards an end so worthy of your attention.

To the different Bills which you have passed, I have given my assent, feeling persuaded that they will materially contribute to the welfare of the country.

Before taking leave of you, I desire to express my deep sense of the zeal and attention which you have manifested in the discharge of your public duties; and I cheerfully tender you my acknowledgments for the prompt and careful consideration which you have bestowed upon the several measures which I have submitted to you.

The Honourable Mr. *Humphreys*, Provincial Secretary then said,—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Friday, the First day of November next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Friday, the First day of November next.

APPENDICES.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 1st, 1878.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Your Committee have the honour to submit this, their First Report.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. A. MARA,
Chairman.

We append a statement of the Auditor, of the Assets and Liabilities of the Province on the 31st December, 1877, dated 21st February, 1878, and marked Appendix A.

The January subsidy was \$104,046 78.

The amount at the credit of the Province on the 16th February, ultimo, at call at the Bank of British Columbia, was \$49,456 23; in Dominion Savings Bank, \$10,000; on deposit, at 4 per cent., in the Bank of British Columbia, \$100,000.

We have been informed by the Auditor that, on completion of work under contracts awarded by Lands and Works Department, there will become due—

Roads	\$ 7,530 00
Buildings	100 00
Graving Dock	39,641 50
	47,271 50

And that the Commission to Kinipple & Morris, on	
Graving Dock, will be	19,400 00
	\$ 66,671 50

Respecting Debentures issued under the Act of 1876, we find that, of the \$264,000 of Debentures deposited with the Bank of British Columbia, there were—

Sold on 25th January, 1877	\$ 2,000 00
Do. 1st February, 1877	2,500 00
Withdrawn, and now lodged in the Treasury	259,500 00
	\$ 264,000 00

We append a statement from the Auditor of the dates of \$90,500 of the above Debentures, redeemable in two years from the date of issue, marked Appendix B.

We append a statement from the Auditor of expenditure, under vote, for consolidation, &c., of Statutes, Appendix C.

APPENDIX A.

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Province of British Columbia,
on 31st December, 1877.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Estimated Arrears of Real Estate Taxes of late Colony of Vancouver Island\$ 1,500 00	Amount of British Columbia Loan, 1877, Debentures .....\$747,500 00
Estimated Arrears of Pastoral Lease Rents 4,000 00	Amount of British Columbia Loan, 1876, Debentures, outstanding 90,500 00
Do. do. Assessed and School Taxes 15,000 00	Amount of British Columbia Loan, 1874, Debentures, outstanding 20,000 00
Remittance to Trustees of Sinking Fund, for Loan of 1877..... 7,387 50	Deposits: Intestate and other Estates 13,654 68
Balance in the Bank of British Columbia, on 31st December, 1877 68,035 00	
Balances in the hands of the Treasurer and sub-Treasurers, on 31st December, 1877 27,209 80	
TOTAL ASSETS \$ 123,132 30	TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 851,654 68

Audit Office, B. C.,
21st February, 1878.

(Signed)

W. C. BERKELEY,
Auditor.

APPENDIX B.

QUESTION—

Ascertain dates when issued of Debentures \$90,500 at 7 per cent., Loan, 1876, redeemable in two years from date of issue?

ANSWER—

Nos. 209 to 213 (inclusive)	\$ 2,500	on 7th July, 1876.
" 214 to 243 "	15,000	11th July, 1876.
" 244 to 263 "	10,000	15th July, 1876.
" 264 to 293 "	15,000	4th Aug. 1876.
" 294 to 298 "	5,000	18th Aug. 1876.
" 299 to 301 "	4,500	6th Sept. 1876.
" 302 to 303 "	2,000	7th Sept. 1876.
" 304 to 312 "	20,000	7th Oct. 1876.
" 313 to 318 "	7,500	21st Nov. 1876.
" 319 to 324 "	3,000	4th Dec. 1876.
" 325 to 326 "	1,500	5th Dec. 1876.
" 81 to 84 "	2,000	25th Jan. 1877.
" 85 to 89 "	2,500	1st Feb. 1877.

APPENDIX C.

Statement of expenditure incurred, under vote, for Consolidation and Revision of Statutes.

Expenditure up to 30th September, as shewn in published Statement of Expenditure for the year 1877 (pages 84 and 85)	\$ 1,645 52
Expenditure since 1st October, 1877:—	
Temporary assistance in Printing Office	482 07
Stitching, folding, and binding separate copies	73 00
Hauling Stationery to Printing Office	3 00
Printing ink	16 50
Stationery	179 00
Services of Commissioner, Hon. H. P. P. Crease	500 00
Do. J. F. McCreight, Q. C.	500 00
Services of Secretary to Commission, H. S. Mason	200 00
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	3,599 09
Binding Statutes (paid in 1878)	254 25
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	\$3,853 34

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, beg to report as follows:—

That clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct.

That there is no special authority on requisition for the payment of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson.

That the usual practice has been followed, and that no special authority was necessary.

That the Government in purchasing the land acted under authority of an Order in Council, dated April 28th, 1875.

That all the Members of the Executive were aware of the transaction, viz.: that an award had been given in favour of Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson, but that Mr. Humphreys was not aware that the money had been paid; he having previously left the Government.

That Mr. E. Brown was not aware, until he had returned to Victoria, that the money was paid to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson.

That Mr. E. Brown did not object to the payment of the money when he was informed that it had been paid, as he believed that the Government had no alternative but pay it.

That the Minister of Finance gave authority in writing to Mr. Elliott to sign cheques in his absence.

That the vouchers signed by W. F. Tolmie and R. Finlayson, per R. Williams, for the sum of \$8,254 67 each, are dated August 4th, 1876.

Your Committee beg respectfully to request that the evidence accompanying this report be published in the Journals of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 4th, 1878.

JAS. W. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

EVIDENCE.

FEBRUARY 27th, 1878.

Present:—Messrs. Mara, Beaven, Morrison, Cowan, and Douglas.

Mr. Mara moved, seconded by Mr. Douglas, that Mr. Beaven act as chairman.
Carried.

Mr. Mara moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Mr. Douglas act as secretary.
Carried.

Mr. J. J. YOUNG's evidence:—

Mr. Mara—Has the usual practice been followed in paying the sum \$16,590 34 to Messrs. Finlayson & Tolmie? *Ans.*—Certainly; the usual practice has been followed.

Mr. Beaven—Was there any special Order in Council authorizing the Treasury to pay Messrs. Finlayson & Tolmie \$16,590 34 for Esquimalt land? *Ans.*—No special order to pay that particular sum.

Mr. Mara—Was a special order necessary to pay this sum? *Ans.*—No.

Mr. Beaven—Are those clauses six and seven correct? *Ans.*—Yes; they are correct.

What is the date of Lands and Works voucher relative to this transaction? *Ans.*—Fourth of August.

What are date of cheques? *Ans.*—Fourth of August.

MR. ELLIOTT's evidence :—

Mr. Beaven—What officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with this transaction? *Ans.*—There were Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Vernon, Mr. Humphreys, and myself.

Is there any record of the proceedings in the Executive Council, when the matter was discussed? *Ans.*—No; Mr. Young can find nothing. There was no question ever arose in the Executive Council concerning the payment of the award.

Mr. Morrison—Under what authority did you countersign these cheques? *Ans.*—Under written authority from Mr. Smithe, dated July 27th, 1876.

(Signed)

A. C. ELLIOTT.

MR. E. BROWN's evidence :—

Were you at the time acquainted with the payment? *Ans.*—I was not aware until I returned to Victoria that the money had been paid.

Were you consulted as to the payment of this money? *Ans.*—I was not consulted. I was under the impression that the money would have to be paid, as the award was given in their favour.

Mr. Mara—When you heard that the \$16,000 was paid, did you consider the Government acted properly in paying the award out of the \$100,000 for Graving Dock in requisition No. 1? *Ans.*—Under the circumstances, I consider the sum was ridiculously high, that it would have been far better for the Government to have abandoned the construction of the Dry Dock. Owing to the decision of the arbitrators, and the opinions expressed by Mr. McCreight, I consider the Government had no other alternative but to pay the money.

Mr. Morrison—Did you sign the Order in Council for the \$278,000 for the Lands and Works Department? *Ans.*—I did; the 2nd June, 1876.

Mr. Beaven—Do you know what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with this transaction? *Ans.*—The Attorney-General and Chief Commissioner.

Were you in Victoria on the 4th August? It is a matter of impossibility for me to tell without reference.

(Signed)

EBENEZER BROWN.

MR. HUMPHREYS' evidence :—

Mr. Beaven—What officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with this transaction? *Ans.*—I don't know that any. I was a member, and Mr. Brown was President of the Council, and he told me that he knew nothing whatever about it. I first became acquainted with the payment from the returns of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works laid before the House in 1877. I may say, that when I saw that, I went at once to Mr. Brown, and asked him if he knew anything about the payment of that money when he was in the Ministry? and he said he did not; he knew nothing whatever about it.

What is the date of your resignation? *Ans.*—The 26th of July, I think.

When Requisition No. 1 was approved in Council the 2nd of June, 1876, were you aware that the \$16,000 was to be paid under it to Dr. Tolmie? *Ans.*—No; up to that time no such proposition was mooted in Council. We had an informal conversation about the purchase of the rock, and we concluded that the price offered by Mr. Beaven was more than sufficient. Mr. E. Brown said that he had been down to Esquimalt and had looked at the land, and the price Mr. Beaven offered for it was more than it was worth. I just happen to think of another matter, that is, about the award. The award of the arbitrators was considered by Mr. Brown and myself, because the provisions of the Act had not been complied with, in consequence of certain documents not having been filed in time.

Mr. Morrison—Was this payment of \$16,000 to Messrs. Finlayson & Tolmie considered in Executive Council when you were in the Ministry and present? *Ans.*—No.

Mr. Morrison—Whether Mr. Humphreys was in opposition to his colleagues as to the payment of this money? *Ans.*—I was never consulted as to the payment of this money.

Mr. Mara—Are you satisfied that the money was paid to Messrs. Finlayson & Tolmie after you ceased to be a member of the Government? *Ans.*—Yes; I am.

Mr. Beaven—Are you satisfied that the determination to purchase this property at \$16,000 was come to while you were in the Ministry, but without your consent? *Ans.*—Yes; I am satisfied that they had determined to purchase this property.

Mr. Mara—Why are you satisfied? *Ans.*—Because in a conversation I had with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works about the purchase of that property, and about money to pay for it, without any sum being mentioned, I told him I had no money to give him to purchase that property, and if I had it was required for more important purposes. He replied, "I have settled the matter, and it is bound to be paid for."

Mr. Mara—Where and when did this conversation take place? *Ans.*—I don't know; it may have been in this room, or outside.

When did that informal meeting you spoke of, in which the rock question was discussed, take place? *Ans.*—I don't know.

Who were present at that meeting? *Ans.*—I think the whole of us were present.

Moved that Committee adjourn until to-morrow at 10 a. m. Carried.

Minutes adopted, 28th February, 1878.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

Before the minutes were confirmed, Mr. Mara pointed out that the following question and answer were omitted:—

By Mr. Morrison to Mr. Humphreys—Do you know why the award of the 22nd April was not paid before the 4th of August. *Ans.*—I don't know.

MR. SMITHE'S evidence:—

Has the usual practice been followed in paying Messrs. Tolmie & Finlayson, *i. e.*, on requisition from the Lands and Works Department and the Order in Council? *Ans.*—It has.

What authority had the Government to pay this award? *Ans.*—The Government had the authority of an Order in Council to purchase the land. (Order in Council produced, dated 28th April, 1875.)

Have you known so large an amount as \$278,000 to appear on a requisition from the Lands and Works Department? *Ans.*—I have: I have known a very much larger amount, *viz.*: \$495,071 on Lands and Works requisition approved 17th of May, 1875.

Have you known so large a sum as \$100,000 to be asked for Dock purposes. *Ans.*—I have known \$149,325 for Graving Dock, on a Lands and Works requisition, dated May, 1875.

As this Order in Council was passed on June 2nd, can you tell the Committee why the award of the 26th April was not paid before the 4th of August? *Ans.*—I was not a member of the Cabinet at that time, but I have been informed that the reason was, there were not sufficient funds in the Treasury to enable the payment to be made at an earlier date.

Mr. Humphreys told the Committee yesterday that the proper course to have pursued would have been to obtain a warrant from the Lieutenant-Governor for this special amount. Has that practice been followed? *Ans.*—It has not, so far as I am aware.

Do you know of any large sums being paid without special vote, or special warrant from the Lieutenant-Governor? *Ans.*—I do; I know of \$15,000 having been paid, not only without special warrant, but without the usual warrant of ordinary requisition.

When was that done? *Ans.*—On the 8th of February, 1875.

Will you show the Committee the vouchers? *Ans.*—I will show the cheque by which the amount was paid, as well as the entry in the book of the office, and if thought necessary I will get the voucher. (Cheque produced.)

Mr. Smithe further states that the \$15,000 above referred to as paid on the 8th of February, 1875, was not covered by requisition until 17th of May following, and was consequently paid without any authority, special or otherwise.

Mr. Beaven—For what was this \$15,000 paid? *Ans.*—For cement.

Was it not to honour a draft drawn from England? *Ans.*—It was.

Were not the Customs duties paid also? *Ans.*—They were, and equally without authority.

Can you find a precedent for the payment of so large a sum of money to a member of the Legislative Assembly under a general authority of a requisition from the Lands and Works Department? *Ans.*—I have not endeavoured to do so.

From your general knowledge of the Department, do you think that such a precedent exists? *Ans.*—I am not aware that so large a sum has ever been paid to a member of the Legislature for any purpose.

Was there a special Order in Council authorizing the payment to Tolmie and Finlayson? *Ans.*—There was no special Order, and none required.

When you speak of a Governor's Warrant, do you include an Order in Council approved by the Governor? *Ans.*—I do.

(Signed) WM. SMITHE.

MR. VERNON'S evidence—

Do you recollect an informal meeting of the members of the Executive, held in the room of the Finance Minister, when it was decided that the price offered by Mr. Beaven for the land was sufficient? *Ans.*—No such conclusion was ever arrived at by the Executive, either formally or informally.

Have you any recollection of such meeting? *Ans.*—I have a distinct recollection of the matter having been talked about, and that no objection was ever made by any of the members of the Government to the payment of the amount awarded by the arbitrators. All the members joined in deeming that award to be conclusive.

Did you ever make such a reply to Mr. Humphreys as "I have settled the matter, and it is bound to be paid for"? *Ans.*—I made no such reply to any person.

Why was the award not paid sooner? *Ans.*—Because there were no funds in the Treasury.

(Signed) F. GEO. VERNON.

The Committee then adjourned till 1 p.m., to-morrow, Friday.

Minutes approved.

1st March, 1878.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

MARCH 2ND, 1878.

Committee met at 1:30 to draft a report. Two reports were submitted for approval; several clauses in each were adopted.

At 2 p.m. it was decided to adjourn the meeting till Monday, the 4th instant, at 10 a.m.

MARCH 4TH.

Committee met at 10 a.m. After some discussion, Mr. Beaven resigned as Chairman, as he was of opinion that a clause in the report submitted by Mr. Mara was contrary to facts. Mr. Douglas was elected in Mr. Beaven's place.

Report submitted by Mr. Mara was adopted.

J. W. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee, appointed to enquire whether clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct, and whether there was any special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson, and to enquire the date of the Lands and Works vouchers relative thereto, and what officers of the Executive Council were acquainted with the transaction, beg leave to report:—

1. That clauses 6 and 7 of the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 1877 are correct.

2. That there is no special authority on requisition for the payment of the sum of \$16,590 34 to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson.

3. That there is no special authority under Order in Council for the payment of this sum to Messrs. Tolmie and Finlayson.

4. That the Lands and Works voucher upon which the payment was made is dated 4th August, 1876.

5. That no formal meeting of the Executive Council appears to have been held for the purpose of considering the payment before making it; and that Messrs. Elliott, Vernon, E. Brown, and W. Smithe were members of the Executive Council when payment was made.

6. That the only members of the Executive who appear to have been directly cognizant of the payment at the date it was made, are the Honourable A. C. Elliott and the Honourable F. G. Vernon.

7. That the Honourable William Smithe was absent at Cowichan at date of payment, and had authorized the Honourable A. C. Elliott, by letter dated 27th July, 1876, to countersign cheques during his absence.

8. That the Honourable E. Brown was of opinion that, under the circumstances, he considered the sum was ridiculously high; that it would have been far better in his (Mr. Brown's) opinion for the Government to have abandoned the construction of the dock, but that, owing to the decision of the arbitrators, and the opinions expressed by Mr. McCreight, he (Mr. Brown) considered that Government had no other alternative than to pay the money.

9. That the Honourable T. B. Humphreys was not a member of the Executive Council at the date of payment.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
GEORGE COWAN.

4th March, 1878.

SECOND REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 12th, 1878.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee of Public Accounts have the honour to make this their Second Report.

We append a statement of the Auditor (Approximate), of Expenditure during the year 1877, of (1) arrears of 1876; (2) in excess of Vote; (3) without Vote. (Appendix E.)

We report that the cost and liabilities of the Indian Commission, from 1st January, 1877, to date (2nd March, 1878), are—

Expenditure (as far as brought in).....	\$7,935 00
Outstanding accounts (approximate).....	3,760 00
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	\$11,695 00

J. A. MABA,
Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Return (Approximate) of Expenditure during the year 1877, for (1) Arrears of 1876; (2) in excess of Vote; (3) without Vote.

SERVICE.	Arrears.	Over Vote.	No Vote.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
SALARIES.			
Inspector of Mines (under Sec. 38 of Coal Mines Regulation Act)			720 00
Toll Collector, Cassiar.....	250 00		
LEGISLATION.			
Registration of Voters	255 00		
Expenses of Elections.....	180 00		
ASSAY OFFICE.			
Chemicals and fuel	84 50		
Freight.....	118 95		
PRINTING OFFICE.			
Printing material (paper)	4 50	306 14	
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.			
Summoning, &c., Jurors and Witnesses.....		79 66	
Prosecution and Interpreters' fees.....	10 00	1,327 25	
Expenses of Inquests	66 00	115 25	
Fees to Justices of the Peace.....	25 25	199 90	
POLICE AND GAOLS.			
Keep of Prisoners	838 48	5,984 63	
Special Constables.....	1,192 00	1,785 25	
Transport of Prisoners, &c	68 50		
REVENUE SERVICES.			
Collection of Revenue.....	639 91	902 33	
LUNATIC ASYLUM.			
Provisions, &c.....	7 50		
CHARITABLE ALLOWANCES.			
Hospital, Victoria	354 24		
EDUCATION.			
In aid of District Schools. (\$1,100 39 of this amount has been repaid to the Treasury as "Sale of School Books ")		1,129 63	
TRANSPORT.			
Travelling Expenses of Officers on duty	90 00		
INTEREST.			
Interest on Loans.....		3,65 7 38	

SERVICE.	Arrears.	Over Vote.	No Vote.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>			
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Advertising	18 00		
Destruction of Wolves and Panthers.....		85 00	
Library, Legislative and Departmental	24 32		
Fuel and light	45 50		
Postage	38 32	238 74	
Refunds (Road Tax).....	1,131 87		
Stationery	19 25		
Not detailed	94 36	963 44	
Consolidation, &c., of Statutes.....		599 09	
Temporary assistance in offices.....		321 74	
Expenses of search <i>re</i> "George S. Wright"			224 50
Funeral of the late Sir James Douglas, K. C. B.			1,298 80
Sustenance allowance to Gold Commissioner, Cassiar	350 00		400 00
Expenses incurred under "Quartz Act, 1877"			2,001 78
Expenses (in London) of Loan, 1877.....			2,703 68
MUNICIPALITIES.			
Maple Ridge	500 00		
Chilliwack	750 00		
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.			
Approach to Public School, Victoria			975 00
Improving Government Reserve, James' Bay		1,119 61	
Furniture, Government Offices		759 87	
Government House, Victoria.....	399 21		
Addition to Government House grounds			3,525 00
Repairs to Government Buildings, Nanaimo.....		105 23	
Extension of Nanaimo Gaol.....		897 00	
Lunatic Asylum, New Westminster.....		3,700 00	
Repairs to Government Buildings, Clinton			53 50
Court House, Clinton		337 00	
Repairs to Government Buildings, Cariboo.....			197 76
Do. do Kootenay			3 00
Government Buildings, Cassiar	40 80	153 85	
SURVEYS.			
Surveys		11,572 45	
ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.			
Victoria District.....	40 04	5,055 76	
Esquimalt do.		1,931 37	
Cowichan do.	5 00	1,631 00	
Nanaimo do.	5 00	1,712 00	
Comox do.	50 62	1,747 00	
New Westminster District		5,244 20	
Trunk Road to Cariboo	707 25	9,480 00	
Yale District	555 20		
Lillooet District.....	882 35	4,355 00	
Cariboo do.	2,185 70	4,150 00	
Cassiar do.		781 13	

MEMORANDUM.—The large excess of Expenditure over vote for "Keep of Prisoners" during 1877, was caused partly by the unexpected detention of prisoners in the various Provincial Gaols, caused by their non-removal to the Penitentiary (for which a larger sum than was estimated has been received from the Dominion Government, and has been credited to "Reimbursements in Aid"), and partly by the occurrence of several cases, in remote districts, incurring an abnormal amount of expenditure.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

ROYAL HOSPITAL AND THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee appointed by this House to visit the Royal Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, beg to report as follows:—

On Friday, the 15th, the Committee visited the Royal Hospital, and were much pleased with the state of the institution.

No complaints were made by the patients; on the contrary, everyone appeared contented and happy.

The place appeared to be kept in excellent order.

The Committee recommend that the present Lunatic Asylum, when vacated, should be converted into a hospital for incurable patients.

Last year the Committee appointed to visit this hospital recommended “the necessity of having a new ward erected for the exclusive use of patients suffering from such communicable diseases as typhoid fever, erysipelas, diphtheria, &c.”

The Committee further recommend that a certain portion of the Royal Hospital should be set apart for females, as there is no accommodation at present for such patients.

The Committee visited the Lunatic Asylum on Tuesday the 19th. The approach from the main road is in a deplorable state.

The Committee feel satisfied that this establishment is in much better condition and order than it appeared to be in last year, and the patients in better health.

The number of inmates in the Asylum is thirty-seven, namely, thirty-two males and five females.

J. W. DOUGLAS,

February 25th, 1878

Chairman.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Appointed to enquire into the non-publication in the Journals of 1877 of certain evidence given by Mr. McCreight before the Public Accounts Committee, 1877.
Committee—Messrs. Evans, Galbraith, Dickinson, Morrison, and Beaven.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

20th February, 1878.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the non-publication in the Journals of 1877 of certain evidence given by Mr. McCreight before the Public Accounts Committee of the Session of 1877, beg leave to report—

That they have ascertained that Mr. McCreight did give voluminous evidence before the Committee which has not been published in the Journals of 1877, in accordance with the Resolution of the House on 17th April, 1877;

That such evidence, as far as we can ascertain, was handed to the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, but we are unable to state what subsequently became of it.

ROBERT BEAVEN.
Chairman.

20th February, 1878.

EVIDENCE.

LIBRARY, 15th February, 1878.

Committee present.

Mr. Beaven appointed chairman; Mr. Dickinson appointed secretary.

MR. MARA's evidence:—

Do the Journals of 1877, page 27, contain the whole of the evidence of Mr. McCreight? *Ans.*—A number of questions were asked Mr. McCreight and answers given, but my impression is that they were not formal, and not intended to be taken down as evidence. (Mr. Beaven produced a number of questions in writing.) I have no recollection of Mr. McCreight having given answers to those questions. I don't recollect the written questions having been read over to Mr. McCreight, but I think they were to Mr. Robertson.

MR. FISHER's evidence:—

Do you recollect Mr. McCreight being before the Public Accounts Committee last year? *Ans.*—Very well.

Do the Journals of 1877, page 27, contain all the evidence given by Mr. McCreight? *Ans.*—Decidedly not. But when I say so, it does not contain all he said.

Who acted as secretary and chairman to the Committee? *Ans.*—Mr. Fisher chairman, Dr. Ash secretary.

Do you recollect questions submitted to Mr. McCreight in writing? *Ans.*—Yes.

Do you remember whether he signed those questions? *Ans.*—I don't think he did.

Do the questions and answers appear in the Journal? *Ans.*—I can't say from memory, but my impression is that the questions and answers are not all printed.

Do you recollect Mr. Beaven putting several questions through the chairman to Mr. McCreight? *Ans.*—Yes.

Do you recollect whether Mr. McCreight signed his evidence? *Ans.*—I am almost certain he did not.

Do you think you presented all the evidence taken before the Committee? *Ans.*—If I presented any part I presented the whole.

(Signed) WILLIAM FISHER.

Moved by Mr. Morrison that the following gentlemen be notified to attend Committee at 10 a. m. to-morrow: Dr. Ash, E. Brown, Mr. McCreight, Mr. Hett. Carried.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Minutes adopted.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

16th February, 1878.

LIBRARY, 16th February, 1878.

Messrs. Beaven, Morrison, Dickinson, Galbraith, and Evans present.

Mr. BROWN's evidence:—

Does that report contain all the evidence given by Mr. McCreight to the Public Accounts Committee? *Ans.*—It does not.

Do you know what has become of the missing report? *Ans.*—No; but I am under the impression that some of the evidence was omitted by consent of the Committee.

To whom was it entrusted to make the selection of evidence to be printed? *Ans.*—Not to any one that I am aware of in particular.

Do you remember some questions submitted to Mr. McCreight in writing? *Ans.*—No; I do not.

MR. MCCREIGHT's evidence:—

Have you seen the printed report? *Ans.*—I have seen the Journals of 1877, page 27. During last Session I was examined before a Committee of the House relative to an arbitration as to Messrs. Finlayson and Tolmie's land. I had given an opinion some months before as to the legality of arbitrators, under the circumstances of the case, proceeding with the arbitration, and the opinion I gave there shows all I knew about the matter as well as I recollect. I was asked a great many questions, many of them relating to the legal grounds of my opinion. I believe I answered all the questions put to me.

Do you remember whether your answers were taken down in writing? *Ans.*—My answers were taken down in writing.

Were they read over to you and signed? *Ans.*—I believe they were read over. I am not sure if they were signed or not.

Do the Journals of the House contain the whole of your evidence? *Ans.*—The report does not contain all the questions and answers.

(Signed) J. F. MCCREIGHT.

MEM.—Mr. Hett appeared before the Committee and presented the originals of the Final Report of the Public Accounts Committee and evidence, as handed to him by the Chairman and handed by Mr. Hett to the printer.

MR. HETT's evidence:—

Is the report on page 27, Journals 1877, all the documents handed in as evidence? *Ans.*—Yes.

(Signed) J. ROLAND HETT.

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

Minutes adopted.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

19th February, 1878.

LIBRARY, 19th February, 1878.

All of the Committee present.

MR. ASH's evidence:—

Do the Journals of 1877, page 27, contain all the evidence given by Mr. McCreight before the Committee on Public Accounts? *Ans.*—No, they do not. They only contain an immaterial portion of it. I remember that Mr. McCreight gave evidence respecting the construction that he put upon some statute, and I remember that Mr. McCreight read carefully what I had written as Secretary, and that he caused me to change the wording of part of his evidence, and that he did not sign his evidence until he had carefully considered the purport of what I had written down, and that he signed the evidence and I handed over that paper with others to Mr. Fisher.

In handing over the papers to Mr. Fisher was it intended by the Committee to publish the whole of the evidence or only a synopsis of it? *Ans.*—I expected the whole of the evidence would be printed, and from the extreme caution shown by Mr. McCreight about the form of his evidence, I feel sure that Mr. McCreight anticipated that his evidence would appear in print.

(Signed) JOHN ASH.

MR. FISHER's evidence (re-examined):—

Did you hand the evidence taken down by Dr. Ash to Mr. Hett? *Ans.*—I don't know.

(Signed) WILLIAM FISHER.

MEM.—Mr. Fisher handed papers A and B to the Committee having reference to Mr. McCreight's evidence.

The Committee then adjourned.

Minutes adopted.

20th February, 1878.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

LIBRARY, 20th February, 1878.

All members of the Committee present.

The Committee agreed to draw up a report, which was adopted, and the Chairman instructed to present it and to request the House to order that the report and evidence be printed.

Minutes adopted.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

20th February, 1878.

Chairman.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

To enquire into the nature of the correspondence alleged to have passed between the Junior Member for Lillooet and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works regarding the construction of certain public works in said district.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That there was sufficient evidence produced to prove that correspondence in relation to public works of said district did pass between the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Junior Member for Lillooet; but the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works informed your Committee that he had kept no copy of the letters referred to, as he considered them to be of an entirely private nature.

But your Committee are of opinion that the said correspondence is of an entirely public nature, as it refers to the expenditure of the public moneys in said district.

FRED'K WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

March 11th, 1878.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

COMMITTEE PRIVATE BILLS.

March 18th, 1878.

Your Committee have to report the following Bills as having complied with the Standing Orders and been duly proved, viz.:—

1. The "Victoria and Esquimalt Railway Amendment Act, 1878."
2. The "Sumass Dyking Act."

With respect to this Act some modifications are recommended, the most important of which are :—

1st. That the lands to be given to Mr. Derby should, as far as possible, be in blocks and be selected, one half by Mr. Derby, and the other half by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, instead of being wholly selected by Mr. Derby.

2nd. That Mr. Derby should not be relieved from liability to damage done by him to settlers' lands in the construction of his works. This clause is merely declaratory, and is inserted to prevent misapprehensions as to the respective rights of all parties concerned; as the law, in the opinion of the Committee, would meet such contingencies without special provisions in the Act.

3rd. A clause has been inserted protecting all persons who actually settled on the district lands prior to December 1st, 1877, the date of Mr. Derby's notice of his intention to apply to the Legislature for the passage of his Act. It specially applies to settlers who, in good faith, settled upon the lands, irrespective of Mr. Derby's scheme or its presumed benefits, but who were unable to acquire any title to the plots settled upon, as the same were under reservation at the time.

4th. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is empowered, in the event of Mr. Derby failing or declining to carry out the provisions of his Bill, to place the dyking scheme in other hands, so that its benefits may, as far as possible, be realized.

The evidence taken on this Act is enclosed.

GEO. A. WALKER,

Chairman.

THIRD REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Your Committee have the honour to make a further Report.

They append a statement of the Revenue and Expenditure (approximate) of the year 1877.

They append a detail of the expenditure of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for travelling expenses during the year 1877.

They call attention to the charge, small in itself, but the payment of which involves a principle, detailed on the voucher No. 1791, a copy of which is annexed.

They also append a statement of the amount of Revenue collected as Property and Income Tax in the Okanagan District, and the cost of collection.

22nd March, 1878

(Signed) J. A. MARA,
Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REVENUE 1877 (APPROXIMATE).

Dominion Subsidy	\$ 208,093 56
Local Revenue:—	
Land Sales.....	\$ 21,099 29
Land Revenue	5,485 95
Rents (exclusive of Land)	217 50
Free Miners' Certificates.....	10,062 50
Mining Receipts, general	6,908 00
Licences	26,866 50
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court	11,466 85
Fees of Office.....	4,319 58
Sale of Government Property	531 06
Reimbursements in aid of expenses	9,731 64
Miscellaneous Receipts	71 50
Road Tax.....	407 25
Marriage Licences	530 00
Wild Land Tax.....	7,229 40
Road Tolls.....	29,070 72
Arrears of Real Estate Tax (late V. I.)	216 45
School Tax.....	20,148 00
Real Property Tax	25,697 44
Personal Property Tax.....	12,755 61
Income Tax	1,467 95
Interest.....	4,518 14
	<u>198,801 33</u>
Total Revenue.....	\$ 406,894 89

EXPENDITURE 1877 (APPROXIMATE).

Salaries, fixed.....	\$ 95,000 00
Legislation	15,632 97
Assay Office.....	532 00
Printing Office	2,447 00
Administration of Justice	8,026 00
Police and Gaols.....	25,123 00
Revenue services.....	9,192 00
Lunatic Asylum.....	9,289 00
Charitable allowances.....	15,340 00
Education	47,129 63
Surveys	19,572 45
Rent	244 00
Transport.....	3,256 00
Immigration (to be refunded).....	1,990 00
Interest	40,657 38
Works and Buildings	39,805 38
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	205,481 29
Miscellaneous services	46,469 04
Municipalities.....	7,750 00
Graving Dock.....	38,515 09
Total.....	\$ 631,452 23

APPENDIX G.

Memorandum of travelling expenses and allowances paid to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for 1877.

Paid May 1, 1877, 4 days' allowance, adjusting Indian Reserves, Chemainus	\$ 20 00
" " Carriage hire.....	5 00
" Dec. 3, 1877, 55 days' allowance, inspecting roads, to and from Cariboo and Kamloops...	275 00
" " Fare, Victoria to New Westminster.....	3 00
" " Fare, New Westminster to Yale.....	5 00
" Dec. 28, 1877, Copy Voucher attached.....	746 93
" 31, Fare, Yale to Victoria	8 00
Total.....	\$ 1,062 93

PARTICULARS OF VOUCHER No. 2,709.

Nov. 15, 1877, use of horses, buggy, and driver by Mr. Vernon, 29th September to 15th November, 48 days @ \$15 00.....	\$ 720 00
" Mr. Vernon's fare, Steamer "Victoria," 14th October.....	5 00
Nov. 24, 1877, passage, Mr. Vernon, Spence's Bridge to Yale.....	15 00
" freight, 77 lbs. " " @ 9 cts. $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.....	6 93
Total.....	\$ 746 93
Yale roads.....	\$ 500 00
Lillooet roads	96 93
Cariboo roads	150 00
Total.....	\$ 746 93

(Signed)
Certified Correct, F. GEO. VERNON.

PARTICULARS OF VOUCHER No. 1,791.

Oct. 13, 1877, conveyance of Judge Crease to Dean's farm to view and inspect the subject matter in dispute under Drainage and Dyking Act, with the Registrar of the Court.....	\$ 4 00
Deans vs. Baker.	
(Signed) Certified Correct,	HENRY P. PELLEW CREASE.

APPENDIX H.

MEMORANDUM.—Amount of Property and Income Tax collected in Okanagan for 1877 was \$441 47; cost of collection was \$115 36, which was paid to C. A. Vernon.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the statement made in this House by the Honourable the junior member for Cariboo, Mr. Evans, that "a road ten miles in length had been constructed for the benefit of one gentleman in Yale District, whose name could be given if a Committee of enquiry was appointed;" and that he further stated, in his place in this House on the 13th instant, that "the gentleman referred to was the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works," that "his informant was the Rev. Mr. Turner," and that "the fact was patent to every one in the Upper Country;" beg to report as follows:—

That the road in question is a part of the road to the Cherry Creek mines.

That a number of settlers have been benefitted by its construction.

That the length of road made does not exceed two and one half (2½) miles.

That the work was done by contract at a cost of \$350.

That the survey of the road and estimate of cost of construction were ordered by Mr. Beaven in August, 1875.

Your Committee request that the annexed letter of instructions from Mr. Beaven to Mr. Jane, the statement made by Mr. Evans to the Committee, and the letter from the Rev. Mr. Turner to Mr. Mara, be published. Mr. Evans also requests that the annexed copy of a letter sent by him to the Rev. Mr. Turner be published with this Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MARA,
Chairman.

14th March, 1878.

Committee met at 10:30 a. m. Present—Messrs. Mara, Morrison, Evans, Douglas, and Cowan.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Mr. Mara act as chairman. Carried.

Mr. Evans made the following statement:—

On my way up, after last session, I met Rev. Mr. Turner at Cache Creek. Having heard so many times of a piece of road having been made for Messrs. Vernon to the extent of about ten miles, I entered into conversation with Mr. Turner about the same, and told him what I had heard. He said it was quite true. I then asked him if he knew this to be the fact from his own knowledge, and not from hearsay. He said he was perfectly acquainted with the place, and it was perfectly true. I asked him again if the road passed no settlers. He said none that another road was not convenient for.

Letters produced from Lands and Works Department, showing the said road was ordered to be built in 1875. Letter read from Rev. Mr. Turner.

Mr. Evans further states—That I introduced the subject of the road, and not Mr. Turner, as I have already stated, and I deny the correctness of Mr. Turner in his letter, and I demand his presence face to face. And further, that I did not give the name till called for in the House.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Mr. John Jane, C.E., Kamloops.

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Victoria, August 12th, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to instruct you to survey a line of road from Okanagan (the valley on which the Messrs. Vernon reside) to connect with the main road from Kamloops to the Mission.

You will please obtain the necessary information for doing the work under contract, staking out the work and measuring it, and forward the same to this office, together with an estimate of the probable cost.

I have, etc.,
 (Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Rev. Mr. Turner to John A. Mara, Esq., M. P. P.

NICOLA VALLEY, 2nd March, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—I have just seen, through the Victoria papers, that one of the members for Cariboo, Captain Evans, has thought fit to bring my name before the public in connection with a statement that he made regarding the road leading to the residence of the Hon. Forbes George Vernon, in the Okanagan District.

Now, without saying anything as to the prudence, or otherwise, of the course adopted by Captain Evans, I feel called upon to state the facts of the case as far as I know.

I am not aware of ever having a conversation with Mr. Evans on the subject of roads. I visited once at his home in Cariboo, and as we talked of things in general, possibly the Lands and Works Department may have come in for a share of the criticism. But in any case I am quite sure I never made the statement he credits me with; I know I could not possibly have made such a mistake.

I am familiar with every part of the road, and knew it just as well before I met Captain Evans as I do now. I knew that the whole distance from the Honourable Chief Commissioner's to where the road in question forms a junction with the Mission Valley road is about 4 miles, at any rate that is what I have heard it called. I knew that there was not more than half that distance graded. I also knew that there were other settlers in the valley who would be benefitted by the waggon road as well as Mr. Vernon, and further that it was on the direct route to Cherry Creek mines.

Unless, therefore, I wanted to state what I knew to be false, and that without any object in view, or any pressure being brought to bear upon me, I could not have made the assertion, and must therefore give it an unqualified denial.

If, in the course of our conversation, roads were mentioned, of which I have not the slightest recollection, and that I made use of the words "ten miles" they must have been used in reference to some other road, probably the Nicola and Kamloops road, as the first section of it was finished about that time. I hope Captain Evans will see the propriety of either retracting what he has said, or at least acknowledging that he was mistaken. Hoping that you will give this publicity.

I have, etc.,
 (Signed) JAMES TURNER.

Mr. John Evans, M. P. P., to Reverend Mr. Turner.

VICTORIA, March 14th, 1878.

REV. SIR,—I take the opportunity of addressing you on the subject referred to in your letter to Mr. Mara, regarding a piece of road we had a conversation about when we met at Cache Creek last May.

As to the indiscretion hinted at: I said my informant was a gentleman not in any way mixed up with politics and reliable, and did not give the name until demanded in the House.

As to the denial, on your part, of the nature of the conversation between us, and your observations in answer to my questions: so far from feeling myself called upon either to retract or apologize, I most emphatically substantiate the truth of my statement, and am only sorry to be obliged conscientiously to do so in consideration of the character and calling of the gentleman whom I am addressing.

I had an object in entering into conversation at the time, and intended to make use of the information then received.

I have, etc.,
 (Signed) JOHN EVANS.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

MINERAL ACTS.

APRIL 3rd, 1878.

Your Select Committee appointed to consider and advise upon the "Mineral Act, 1878," introduced this session, have the honour to report the Act with amendments.

Your Committee would remark that, before coming to any conclusion, they carefully examined the old and new Congressional Acts, as well as our own laws bearing upon the very important question which is the subject of the Bill now respectfully presented.

GEO. A. WALKER,
Chairman.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

HOWE SOUND TRAIL.

Members—Messrs. E. Brown, Beaven, Mara, Morrison, and William Brown.
Appointed 18th February, 1878.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the manner in which the Howe Sound Trail has been managed during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877, beg leave to Report:—

1st.—That the trail from Lillooet to Howe Sound, or Burrard Inlet, has not been completed in a manner fit to drive cattle over.

2nd.—That the best terminus for the trail is at Howe Sound; but, in order to reach that point, it will be necessary to construct about four miles of trail, which, if undertaken, should be carried out by contract.

3rd.—That your Committee have examined a number of witnesses, and taken a mass of evidence, but find the information so acquired of a very conflicting character, and respectfully suggest that the Honourable Representatives of the Lillooet District in this Assembly be requested to return to their homes by the Howe Sound Trail, and report on the character of the work done and its condition to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

4th.—That the trail has cost the following sums:—

1873.....	\$ 5,080 67
1874.....	10,654 03
1875.....	7,704 79
1876.....	1,613 95
1877.....	12,989 33
* 1878.....	208 21
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Total.....	\$38,250 98

5th.—Your Committee also request that the minutes, evidence, and reports, herewith submitted, be printed and bound with the sessional papers.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

28th March, 1878.

* Arrears, 1875, \$90; Arrears, 1877, \$118 21—Total, \$208 21

M I N U T E S .

FEBRUARY, 19th, 1878.

Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, and Morrison.

Mr. Beaven appointed Chairman.

Moved by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Mr. Morrison,—That the Lands and Works Department be requested to furnish Committee with J. A. Mahood's instructions, reports, and specifications; J. A. McLellan's instructions, report, and specifications; and that Robert Carson and F. Finnerty be requested to attend before the Committee at 10 a. m. on 20th.

Committee adjourned to 10 o'clock a. m. 20th February, 1878.

FEBRUARY 21st, 1878.

Committee met in the library. Present—Messrs. Beaven (chairman), E. Brown, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

Moved by Mr. W. Brown, seconded by Mr. E. Brown, that Mr. Mara be appointed secretary. Carried.

Mr. W. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Mr. Carson be requested to appear before the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Carson's evidence, signed by him, is appended.

Committee then adjourned to meet on the 22nd inst. at 10 a. m.

FEBRUARY 22nd, 1878.

Committee met in the library at 10 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, E. Brown, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. Brown informed the Committee that Mr. Finnerty was waiting to be examined by the Committee. His evidence is appended.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Monday next at 10 a. m.

FEBRUARY 25th, 1878.

The Committee met this morning at 10 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, Morrison, W. Brown, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Josephus Cates and Mr. D. Hughes gave evidence before the Committee, which is appended.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at 10 a. m.

MARCH 2nd, 1878.

The Committee met at 10 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. D. Carey and Mr. E. James were examined. Their evidence is appended.

Committee adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a. m.

MARCH 5th, 1878.

Committee met at 10 a.m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, Morrison, W. Brown, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion, it was resolved to request the Auditor to lay before the Committee all vouchers and pay-sheets connected with the work.

The Auditor invited the Committee to meet in his room and examine all the papers, which was accepted.

Mr. Ira Smith was requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee, to give evidence as to the manner in which the work was carried on.

Mr. Mara moved, seconded by Mr. W. Brown, that the Treasury Department be requested to furnish the Committee with an abstract of all payments for white labour, Indian labour, Indian packing, tools and transport, during the year 1877. Carried.

Committee adjourned to meet on Thursday at 10 a. m.

MARCH 7th, 1878.

Committee met at 10 a.m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

Mr. Ira Smith was examined. His evidence is appended.

The abstract of expenditure asked from the Auditor was handed in, marked A.

Mr. W. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Mara, that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works be requested to furnish the Committee with Mr. Mahood's estimate of the cost of constructing the trail. Carried.

Committee adjourned till Monday at 10 a. m.

MARCH 11th, 1878.

Committee met at 10 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Return from Lands and Works Department shewing the number of days each man worked; appended, marked B.

Mr. Farwell appeared before the Committee and stated that Mr. Mahood gave no estimate in writing of the cost of constructing the Howe Sound Trail.

Mr. Mahood and Mr. Farwell were requested to appear before the Committee on Wednesday.

Committee then adjourned to meet on Wednesday at 10 a. m.

MARCH 13th, 1878.

Committee met at 10 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. McLellan and Mr. Mahood's evidence is appended.

Committee then adjourned.

MARCH 18th, 1878.

Committee met at 11.15 a. m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A report was submitted by Mr. W. Brown, which is appended. Clauses 1, 2, and 3 were rejected. The 4th clause was laid over till certain questions are put to the Chief Commissioner.

Committee then adjourned to the 21st at 11:15.

MR. W. BROWN'S REPORT.

Your Committee are of opinion that the work done on the Howe Sound Trail by Mr. McLellan was not of a permanent or satisfactory condition, because the trail was not constructed on the line surveyed by Mr. Mahood.

That upon comparing the evidence with Mr. McLellan's printed report, your Committee believe that a great part of said report is inaccurate and misleading.

That it was unnecessary to hire men in Victoria, as it involved an expense of nearly one thousand dollars, which, by ordinary foresight, could have been avoided.

That your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the work on the trail ought to have been done by contract, for which a survey and specifications had already been made at considerable cost for that purpose.

MARCH 21st, 1878.

The Committee met at 11.15 a.m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, E. Brown, W. Brown, Morrison, and Mara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Vernon appeared before the Committee by appointment. His evidence is appended.

Committee adjourned to meet on the 28th instant.

28th March, 1878.

Committee met at 11.30 a.m. Present—Messrs. Beaven, Morrison, and Mara.

A draft of a report was submitted by the Chairman, which was adopted.

The Chairman was instructed to present the report to the House. The Committee then adjourned.

J. A. MARA,
Secretary.

EVIDENCE.

MR. CARSON'S evidence:—

By Mr. Mara—Do you know anything about the management of the Howe Sound Trail? Ans.—Nothing unless from hearsay. I can speak of its condition in 1877.

By Mr. Beaven—What can you tell us about its condition? Ans.—I visited the trail during the summer; the party were then at work on the Seaton Lake Bluff, the work was progressing very well; they were doing good work, except that the trail was not as wide as it was expected to be; I asked Mr. McLellan if that was to be the width; he said no, he would go back and use what powder he had left to widen it; I asked him what he would do if he had none left; he said he thought he would have plenty; when I passed over it in the fall I found it had not been widened; the bridge on 2-mile point on Seaton Lake is a very good piece of work; it is built of trusses, and every other bent bolted to the rock; had it been all bolted it would have been a good permanent job; one bent had only two inches of a catch; passing from there one and a half miles on the Sampson trail, there was nothing done; the Sampson trail was passable except in places that were rocky.

By Mr. Morrison—Do you consider it improved the trail by building the bridge? *Ans.*—Decidedly yes. On the old trail nothing was done except to cut some brush, which I didn't consider any benefit as it was left from one foot to eighteen inches high; it was cut from four to six feet in width; some bridges were built across the streams. On the Anderson Lake some points are very steep that should have been improved; some points are very rocky. On striking the Pemberton Portage brush has been cleared out that I did not consider necessary. Crossing the Pemberton Meadows after you pass "Scotty's," the ground is wet and miry for about three-quarters of a mile; animals mired to their bellies in trying to get through; on this portion there was some brush put down and dirt thrown over it, but Scotty's cattle had broken it up; there was a piece of two hundred and fifty yards brushed.

By Mr. Mara—Is there gravel near the swamp? *Ans.*—No. If Mr. McLellan had crossed to the foot of the mountain he would have avoided this swamp; that is the line surveyed by Mr. Mahood. Passing from the Meadows to the Squamish there is a steep mountain that should have been cut off according to Mahood's survey; it's almost impossible to drive cattle up the trail as built.

By Mr. Mara—In driving your cattle up this mountain did any meet with any accident? *Ans.*—No, but they hurt their legs on the rocks, none were broken. Passing from there to Nechacko there was nothing done except cutting timber and building bridges across creeks; the distance from the Meadows is about forty-five miles; on the Nechacko he commenced to make a trail; following the river for thirteen miles there is a good trail built to the Squamish; on the Squamish bottom it is soft and miry; a number of small bridges were built and corduroying made, but they were washed away when I got there; three of the bridges were washed away. Passing from the Squamish towards the Inlet, 15 miles, the trail has been graded, it is a very steep grade; on portions of it you have to take hold of the brush to get up. On the next 16 miles little has been done; nothing was done where they could get around. On the summit, a distance of 3 miles, it was open, no work was done there. Coming on towards Jack's trail I passed over the roughest piece of trail I have seen in any country, and the roughest piece of country to make a trail through; no sane man would attempt to make a trail through such a country; in several places on this portion of the trail steps were cut into large logs for animals to climb up on one side and go down on the other.

By Mr. Brown—Has there been grading done on this part of the trail? *Ans.*—Yes, there has been grading done, but not of any benefit to the trail. I now came to Jack's trail; the grading has apparently been well done; it is an easy grade to travel on; the corduroying and bridges were nearly all washed away. At Seymour River McLellan swam twice rather than fix a bridge which I did in three quarters of an hour, and crossed all the cattle. Fifteen miles from the Inlet there is a large cedar tree that was split up into slabs by its fall, which he went around rather than clear off; I cleared it in half an hour; had he done the same work across the fallen tree that he did around the point he could have made a good trail over it. When I got to the Inlet I found a bridge on Linn's Creek lop-sided so that nothing could be crossed over it; McLellan had built it and had just left; the bridge was carried off a few days after I got there.

By Mr. Beaven—Can you give the Committee any information as to the general character of the work done by Mr. Sampson in 1873-74? *Ans.*—The walls and cribbing built by Sampson are in first class condition, and as good as when built—they were made in a substantial manner.

What is the general character of the work done by Alexander Jack in 1875? *Ans.*—I should judge that 25 miles of this end of the trail made by Jack was a good trail when completed, except the corduroying and bridges, which were too low. The grading was good. The trail was wide and grade good.

What is the general character of the work done by Clay? *Ans.*—I did not see Clay's work till last summer. The work was done two years before.

In answer to Mr. Morrison—The work was not done in a workmanlike manner, and was not done in the right place.

By Mr. Beaven—What is the general character of the work done by McLellan? *Ans.*—The work done by McLellan in blasting and bridging was very good as far as the Squamish. This end of the trail would have been better if he had not touched it. The money spent on it was thrown away.

Is there any heavy bridging on the trail? *Ans.*—No.

Do you consider that the trail from Lillooet to Howe Sound or Burrard Inlet has been completed? *Ans.*—No.

Is it a fit trail to drive cattle over? *Ans.*—No.

By Mr. Brown—Do you consider McLellan's report published in Chief Commissioner's report substantially correct? *Ans.*—No, I do not. There are bridges mentioned in the report, between the Squamish and the Inlet, that were not built.

By Mr. Morrison—Which is the best terminus for the road? *Ans.*—Howe Sound decidedly. There is no feed between Squamish and the Inlet, except on the Summit.

What length of trail will be necessary to connect the present one with Howe Sound? *Ans.*—Four miles. If this four miles, from Howe Sound to Squamish, were built, animals could be driven over from Lillooet. The work of last summer should have been done on Mahood's survey; had that course been adopted it would be as level a trail as I have seen in a mountainous country. I consider it a good country to build a trail from Lillooet to Howe Sound.

By Mr. Mara—What would it have cost to build a trail from Lillooet to Howe Sound if the money had been properly expended? *Ans.*—I can't say, as I have not been over the cut-offs that Mr. Mahood surveyed.

Have you been in the employ of the Local Government? *Ans.*—I was employed by the Government in 1876, and part of 1877, as Superintendent of Roads, between Lillooet and Soda Creek.

Did you leave Government employ, or were you dismissed?

Mr. Brown objected to the question, as it has no bearing on the management of the Howe Sound Trail.

(Signed) R. CARSON.

MR. FRANK FINNERTY'S evidence:—

I went to work for McLellan on the Howe Sound Trail on the 3rd May, 1877, and worked till the 18th July. The work that was done was not passable for pack-animals or cattle, including the work done on Seaton Lake. A pack-horse can't get around the bluff. Eighteen kegs of powder, and 60 lbs. of giant powder were used in making a trail around a bluff $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length. When we got through there, we came down to New Westminster District, this side of Pemberton Meadows. There were 34 miles of a trail to be opened from Cache Creek to connect with Jack's trail. In consequence of McLellan discharging his blacksmith, and throwing away his tools and powder, it was impossible to build a trail through there.

By Mr. E. Brown—Did he throw the tools away? *Ans.*—No, he told me to cache them at the Rancherie; he told me to leave them there. I had six pack-horses and an Indian, and could have taken the tools with me to the meadows. Two of the six horses were used as saddle horses for Mr. McLellan and his wife, another was used for packing bedding, and another I rode. When we got to the meadows we went along the trail clearing it out. There were about 16 white men and one Indian in the party. When he could not get the animals over the streams he built bridges. Six or seven of the bridges were good, the others were simply corduroying. Halliday (a settler on the meadows) was unable to supply the party with beef because the Mahood surveyed line was not followed. This is on the old trail made by Sampson. The reason he could not drive over the trail was, that it was too steep and rocky. At this point McLellan followed Sampson's trail. The big slide—40 or 50 miles from the meadows—was impassable for cattle.

To Mr. Mara—One steer would last about two weeks; and Watty drove the cattle after the party. On this 34 miles of new trail we struck a heavy slide, and not having tools and powder we could not get along. McLellan said his instructions were to get his horses through, and that was all he cared about.

To Mr. Brown—McLellan told me several times that those were his instructions, and that he didn't care as long as he got his horses through.

We had to pack our provisions on our backs in the Squamish; we worked our way through the best way we could till we struck Alex. Jack's trail; we found it very good, except where a few bridges were carried away. These were not replaced by McLellan, he said he had no orders to build them. So as to get through as fast as we could, McLellan left tools consisting of crowbars, blocks, tackle, rope, hammers, sledges, shovels, mattocks, picks, and a tent along the trail. The best blaze on the trail was tools scattered along it. The tools that Sampson left were cached in a house built for

that purpose. We found some tools in a house that had been cached by Jack; they were of very little value. At the Inlet McLellan had orders to erect a bridge over Linn Creek or Seymour Creek; he had no tools, and had to buy new tools and cooking utensils. From the Squamish to the Inlet the party consisted of 15 or 16 white men, 8 Indians, 2 Cloutchmen, and 7 pack-animals; Mrs. McLellan was with the party. The Chinese cook, at \$40 per month, was discharged at Seaton Lake, and a white man, at \$60 per month, who couldn't cook, was hired in his place. A man getting \$55 a month waited on the table and chopped wood. The Indians were hired to pack.

To Mr. Mara—They worked on the trail also.

Seven men of the party were sent from here at Government expense. I paid my own expenses. There was one thousand pounds of freight sent up by express, including one mattress filled with straw or hay.

By Mr. Beaven—In your opinion is the trail leading from Lillooet to Howe Sound or Burrard Inlet completed so as to enable cattle from the interior to reach the seaboard? Ans.—It is not; there is some feed on the road; very good feed on the Squamish.

To Mr. Morrison—The trail is pretty good from Lillooet to Howe Sound, except where Mahood proposed to change the line. There would be 3 or 4 miles of a new trail to make to reach a steamer landing.

I went into Mr. Vernon's office and made a statement about the trail; he said he did not want to know anything about the trail. He took my evidence about the horses and packing a trunk. The reason I went to Mr. Vernon was because McLellan kept back one day's pay, which we afterwards got. Another reason was, that McLellan hired me as a packer at Seaton Lake, and I thought I was entitled to more than \$50 a month. Mr. Vernon told me he could not give me more; he said if I had worked six months on the trail I had no grievance. I considered I had a grievance. I thought I should have got packer's wages. I have had from \$80 to \$120 a month as packer. On this trail I had three animals to pack; I worked on the trail as well. When I was hired I did not know what wages I would get. Men in the party were paid from \$50 to \$60 per month; not according to their value in my estimation, but according to the friendship that existed between them and McLellan. I didn't consider myself second to any man in the party, and others got higher wages. I thought I worked faithfully and was entitled to higher wages, or the same as others got.

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(Signed) FRANK X FINNERTY.
mark.

Witness,
J. A. MARA.

JOSEPHUS CATES' evidence:—

I worked on the Howe Sound Trail last season. There was as good work done on the trail as I have ever seen done on any work. I have often heard the men on the work say that they never knew work to be pushed better than on this trail by McLellan. I have often worked with gangs of men, and never knew a lot of men work steadier than the men last season. I have worked eleven years in the woods with lumbering parties. I was a chopper on the trail, helped to build bridges, and graded when there was no chopping to be done.

By Mr. Beaven—It has been stated that there were steps cut in fallen trees for animals to get over, is it so? Ans.—No; there were some large trees that had fallen on the old trail that were bridged by being filled on both sides, and were perfectly safe for animals to cross over. I worked on the trail from the commencement till the party came down.

To Mr. Brown—I lost six days time during that period, on account of having a sore thumb. I got \$50 a month.

I consider the latter part of the trail passable for cattle; we packed over it with pack-horses all right. I have never seen bands of cattle driven over trails, but I have on roads, and I think when pack-horses can be driven there should be no difficulty in driving cattle. I did not see the horses unpacked and the provisions packed on men's backs where the animals couldn't get through. I think we worked four days on the two-mile bluff, Seaton Lake, but am not positive. We afterwards returned to this point to build the bridge. The work that was done on the two-mile bluff was not of any benefit, as it afterwards proved. We were trying to build abutments or piers, but could get nothing to hold. I think there were 15 or 16 men employed at that time; but all

were not working on the bluff, about one-half were grading and clearing out the trail. I think the trail on the five-mile bluff was from 4 to 5 feet wide; I don't think there were any places less than 4 feet. In the mile and a half there are grades steeper than a waggon road grade, but not where the blasting was done. I would not say that the whole of the 143 miles was cleared 12 feet wide; a great deal of it was. It's possible that portions of it might be only ten feet. The brush was cut as close to the ground as it was possible to cut it; what was too large to cut with a brush hook was cut with an axe. The tools were not all taken through to Burrard Inlet; a portion of them were cached on Jack's trail. They were left in a house that I heard was built by Jack. None were left on the trail to my knowledge; I did not keep track of the tools; I was not supposed to do so. I think we had tools enough to build the bridge at the Inlet, except an auger. The axes were pretty well used up, and we had to get a couple of new ones. I had every reason to think the bridge built was a good one; it was a good height, and built of strong material. I did not hear that the bridge was carried away.

To Mr. Beaven—This is the first trail I worked on. I have worked on roads. I joined the party here; my expenses up were paid.

(Signed) JOSEPHUS CATES.

MR. DANIEL HUGHES' evidence:—

I worked on the Howe Sound Trail last summer. The work done was as good as any I have seen on trails. I have been foreman of parties on the other side, and was foreman on the Hope and Yale Waggon Road. I was foreman, under Sampson, on the Nanaimo Road. I consider the work was done well; the bridges were substantially built. I consider the work was generally well managed, but I know nothing about the expenditure of the money. I don't think the trail is a first-rate one to drive cattle over. It will require more work to be done on it. I think there should be more work done on it before I would call it a passable trail for cattle. Stock can be driven over it, but I would not call it a good trail for beef cattle.

To Mr. Beaven—No steps were made in logs for cattle to get over; if such was done I never saw it. Some logs were cut, so that there was no difficulty in getting over them. The first work was done on the two-mile bluff; we tried to sink piers, but it wouldn't work. Can't say exactly how many days we worked there; perhaps three, and it might have been more. The trail made round the five-mile bluff was on a good grade. The work was well done. I think the trail would average four feet. I think there were places that might be less than four, some would be six feet.

To Mr. Brown—I can't say the exact number of miles of forest clearing; it would be from ten to twelve feet wide, but in some places only five and six feet, where no clearing was required. In places, the brush would be cut quite close to the ground, and in others it would be five or six inches from the ground, the same as on all other trails, and the same as had been cut by former parties on this trail. Some of the tools were cached on Jack's trail and some cached where Sampson cached his, and some brought to New Westminster. No tools were thrown away on the trail to my knowledge. We had to get two or three axes at Burrard Inlet, to build a bridge. The bridge built was a good one, but the foundation was bad, namely, sand and gravel. Caching the tools did not prevent the work from being properly carried on. There were places where we might have blasted, if we had tools, but there was no difficulty in getting around. The work done by Sampson was well done; I could not say whether in the right place or not. I consider the work done on this trail during the summer was well done. I was engaged in Victoria by Mr. McLellan; my expenses were paid. I was hired the day before I left. I was paid off at New Westminster. We worked till noon the day we were paid.

(Signed) DANIEL HUGHES.

MR. DANIEL CAREY'S evidence:—

There were a number of men in Clinton who wanted work; only four were hired there; one was hired at \$60, another at \$55; I was engaged at \$55. I asked Mr. McLellan to give me a passage from Clinton to Lillooet; he told me he couldn't, as the stage was full. He told a man named Lawson to go to Lillooet, and he would give him work; the man did so, and was then told there was no work for him; but a day or two afterwards two men (James Harvey and Robert Caldwell), strangers in the country, were put on the work. While we were working at six-mile bluff, Hughes resigned his position as foreman; McLellan appointed me in his place. I found that we had not

sufficient tools to carry on blasting to advantage. Of the six men who came up from Victoria as blasters, two knew nothing about blasting. I asked McLellan how wide I was to make the trail; he told me four feet wide.

By Mr. Beaven—Why was not McLellan on the work? *Ans.* Because his lady was in the camp, and he had to spend most of the time with her.

In places that were only blasted from 12 to 18 inches wide, he said that would do, as there would be no cattle to go over the trail. There were some points that I wanted blasted, but he said "no, they were *hyas cloosh*." At Seaton Lake, the China cook, who was getting \$10 or \$15 a month, was discharged, and a white man, who knew nothing about cooking, put in his place at \$60; also a helper, at \$55. McLellan complained about the cost of the party; I replied that "it was no wonder, as he was selling grub to the Indians." He said nothing to that. When we were working in the New Westminster District, the men, instead of working on the trail, were kept employed packing kettles, provisions, tables, chairs, &c; from two to three horses were used in packing McLellan and his wife, and trunks and carpets. I wanted McLellan to look at improvements that Mahood had recommended on the trail; he wouldn't do it. It took from two to three men, every time we shifted camp, to make walks and fix up bedsteads for Mrs. McLellan's accommodation. At a camp near Cache Creek, he sent a man named Halliday back for cattle; he brought them within seven miles of camp, and wouldn't bring them any further; he said he could not drive his cattle over that mountain. The next day McLellan sent six horses and five or six men to pack the beef into camp. A portion of the trail, on Anderson Lake, McLellan has never been on. There was not one mile cleared out of the entire length of 36 miles of the Sampson Trail. He said the trail would only benefit two men on the Pemberton Meadows besides the Siwashes. There are six settlers on the meadows. The average width of trail (where blasted) of the six-mile bluff will not exceed twenty inches. McLellan did not work himself; he had a foreman over the choppers, and another over the blasters. One of the monthly pay sheets was signed blank, neither number of days nor amounts were inserted; the others had the number of days, but neither rates nor amounts.

(Signed) DANIEL CAREY.

MR. EDWARD JAMES' evidence:—

I worked on the Howe Sound Trail last summer. I was a blaster. The trail was not over 2½ feet wide in places. We had not proper tools to blast with; he (McLellan) got some after we had been there three or four weeks. The men could not work to advantage without proper tools. I don't think the trail made by McLellan is as good as the old trail over the hills. McLellan knows nothing about rock work; he put in a man as foreman who didn't know how to drive a drill. He was not on the work; was about the camp, but didn't attend to the work. The pay sheets, as produced, are just the same as I signed them.

(Signed) EDWARD JAMES.

Mr. James afterwards returned and stated, that when he signed the pay sheets the amounts were not down, but the amounts set forth in the pay sheets are correct.

MR. IRA SMITH's evidence:—

I worked on the Howe Sound Trail last summer. I was employed as axeman and grader. I measured a portion of the trail after the blasting was done. In places, it would go over 6 feet, and the narrowest (two small places) 2½ feet. While I was on the trail, everything, as far as I knew, was well managed.

Did you see any provisions wasted, or sold to Indians? *Ans.* No, I did not.

Did you hear, while with the party, that provisions had been sold to Indians? *Ans.* No, I did not.

How many men were acting as foremen under Mr. McLellan? *Ans.* One man named Dan Hughes was foreman for two or three weeks; he threw it up. Two were then appointed, one over the choppers and another over the blasters. There were two gangs working—blasters and choppers.

What was Mr. McLellan doing? *Ans.* He was on the work, except when business called him away. He was sometimes called away to Lillooet for provisions, &c., and could not be with both gangs at the same time. I don't think he could get along without two foremen; nor could he work the men to advantage in one gang. I have never known him to be away more than a part of a day, except on one occasion when he could not cross the lake on account of a storm.

To Mr. Brown—I don't think it is a proper trail to drive beef cattle; the greater part of it is very good, but I would not say it is a fit trail to drive cattle over.

The management was good so far as I knew, and I believe the money was well expended.

Do you know how much was expended? *Ans.* I don't know exactly, but have heard \$11,000.

To Mr. Brown—There were no steps cut in fallen trees for cattle to climb over, and I saw no trees bridged over.

(Signed) IRA SMITH.

MR. McLELLAN's evidence:—

To Mr. Brown—The report I sent to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works is a correct report. I received instructions from the Government to follow Mahood's line as far as practicable, which I did. I deviated from the line in places where I considered it advisable to do so.

Mr. Brown—In the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works' letter to you of July 12th, the following appears:—"I have now to instruct you to continue your labours, and complete the trail from the termination of the Lillooet Section to Burrard Inlet, following, as near as desirable, the route explored by Mr. Mahood last season. For this purpose a sum of \$4,000, which it is estimated will be sufficient, will be remitted to you as occasion may offer." Who made this estimate? *Ans.* I don't know.

To Mr. Brown—Seven men were taken from Victoria.

To Mr. Mara—My object in taking men from Victoria was to get blasters and good bridge builders. I was afraid I could not get them in the district, and did not want to be detained with the work.

Mr. Brown—Who informed you that you could not get men in the district? *Ans.* I can't say who told me. I enquired if blasters were to be had there, and I was told no; that was true, because I could get only one blaster there. If it had not been for the number of men that went up from here I could not have got hands enough. Three of those sent up were men who had letters of introduction to the Chief Commissioner, stating that they intended bringing their families, and requesting him to give them employment if he could. One of the men sent from here did not work on the trail; he was "swopped" for another man on the road going up.

Where? *Ans.* At Clinton; Macbeth is the man's name. Mr. Tingley asked me to take Macbeth in the place of Cates, as he was the only man he could get to take charge of his stud horses. As it was simply an exchange of men, his expenses were not paid back.

Macbeth is a first-class man; I made him foreman on the bridges. I was very glad of the exchange, as I knew Macbeth well; he had worked for me before, building bridges. I discharged, on the work, one of the men I took from here. He was a blaster. He was paid full time from Victoria. He was a good workman, but behaved in such a way that I was justified in discharging him.

To Mr. Brown—Four of the men made a demand for an extra day that I did not think they were entitled. Mr. Farwell paid them in the absence of Mr. Vernon. Their names are E. James, Frank Finnerty, Pat Hogan, E. Lloyd. None of the others asked for the extra time.

Frank Finnerty threatened to write a letter to the *Standard*, because I would not pay his expenses to Lillooet. The men may have been legally entitled to the extra day, but I did not think so at the time. It has been asserted that I said, on the works, that the road was a "political dodge." That is untrue; I said in conversation with Mr. Hoey (there were others present), that "to build a waggon road round those bluffs was a political farce, and it would cost \$20,000 to make a waggon road round the bluffs."

To Mr. Brown—I know of none of the men making application to be registered as voters in the district at the time of Mr. Davie's defeat in Cariboo. The horses on the work were used for packing. I rode one horse from Anderson Lake to the Meadows; distance, 30 miles. The horses were used for packing provisions, tools, tents, &c. My wife rode one horse, but that I paid for, as well as every meal that she ate on the trail.

Mr. Mara—Have you sold provisions at any time to Indians? *Ans.* No; I gave two Indians a sack of flour each for labour; and two or three times I exchanged tea and sugar for berries, for the men's table, when we had no butter.

Where any tools thrown away? *Ans.* No; the tools were all *cached* in the houses built for that purpose; the block and tackle and a crowbar were not put in the house.

I asked an Indian to put them in the house at Squamish. I found the block and tackle on a tree.

To Mr. Beaven—The trail is open from Lillooet to Howe Sound, so as to enable cattle to be driven to the seaboard.

(Signed) A. J. McLELLAN.

MR. MAHOOD'S evidence:—

Mr. Brown—Are these all the Reports handed in by you to the Government? (Reports handed to Mr. Mahood). *Ans.* Yes.

Did you ever give an estimate? *Ans.* No; I gave the quantities, and stated in conversation with Mr. Vernon what I thought the probable cost would be.

What is the object of the three Schedules? *Ans.* Schedule A was to cover a distance of 35 miles, on which no work had been done. Schedule B was to cover work between Lillooet and Cache Creek; distance, 104½ miles, and would be simply repairs to the trail and complete gaps that had been left, so as to make the trail passable at the lowest cost. Schedule C would comprise the entire length of the work, and make alterations in the location of part of it, so as to make a first-class trail throughout.

(Signed) JAS. MAHOOD.

Mr. VERNON stated to the Committee, in reply to Mr. Beaven, that the reason for not giving the work out by contract was that strong representations were made to him, by both the Members for the District, of the necessity for having the trail completed to allow the passage of cattle that year (1877). It would have been impossible to have effected this if the contract system had been carried out.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to the Chairman of Select Committee.

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Victoria, March 25th, 1878.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, requesting that you may be supplied with the annual expenditures on the Lillooet and Burrard Inlet Trail.

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the annual expenditures have been as follows:—

1873	\$ 5,080 67
1874	10,654 03
1875	7,704 79
1876	1,613 95
1877	12,989 33
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I have, &c.,

(Signed) F. GEO. VERNON.

A.

EXPENDITURE ON HOWE SOUND TRAIL IN 1877.

White labour, including superintendence	\$7,143 68
Indian and Chinese labour.....	486 08
Indians, packing and canoe hire	567 28
Provisions	2,836 83
Tools, tents, &c., and freight on same	657 58
Transport	759 18
Maintenance whilst travelling	8 75
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	12,459 33
Mahood's survey (arrears 1876).....	530 00
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Total (as per Lands and Works Report, 1877)	\$12,989 33

B.

Names of men on Howe Sound construction party of 1877, and number of days worked by each man.

	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	October.	Total.
D. Hughes	24½	26	25	27	25	24½	152
E. James	24½	28	25	27	25	25½	155
R. M. Cadwell	15½	26	25	27	25	24½	143
J. Harvie	15½	26	26	27	25	25½	145
E. Lloyd	24½	26	25	27	25	24½	152
P. Hogan	24½	26	25	27	25	20½	148
F. Finnerty	24½	26	25	27	25	22½	150
J. McCaskell	17½	26	25	27	25	22	142½
J. Cates	24½	20	25	27	25	25½	147
W. McBeith	24½	26	25	27	25	20½	148
Jacob Matteredall	24½	26	25	27	25	20½	148
James Matteredall	24½	25½	26	26	25	20½	147½
D. McInnis	24½	26	25	27	25	12	139½
Ira Smith	24½	26	25	27	25	21½	149
Charles Smith	24	26	16	...	...	...	66
J. Halliday	10	24½	25	27	25	6	117½
J. Meakin .....	...	16	25	25	25	13	104
S. McGregor	24½	26	25	27	25	10½	138
B. Nelland .....	...	...	...	2	25	30	57
D. McDonald	23½	26	15	...	...	...	64½
J. Patterson	21½	26	...	...	...	...	47½
C. Doupe	24	14	...	...	...	...	38
J. Woods .....	...	17½	12	...	...	...	29½
W. Haggan	18½	...	...	...	...	...	18½
D. Carey	24	27	25	23	99
P. Garigan	15	26	15	56
Indians	54	37	43	55	112	...	301
Chinamen	32	52	26	110
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REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE CONDITION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the condition of the Civil Service, beg leave to report—

That they visited the different Public Offices, and after examining the working, respectfully recommend as follows:—

That the salaries of Ministers be three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, without sessional allowance.

REGISTRAR OF TITLES	\$2,000 per annum.
LANDS AND WORKS :	
Surveyor-General	1,800 „
Draughtsman	1,500 „
Assistant Draughtsman	1,080 „
Clerk of Records	1,320 „
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE :	
Deputy Provincial Secretary	1,500 „
TREASURY :	
Deputy Treasurer	1,800 „
Office of Auditor and Accountant Lands and Works Dept. to be amalgamated	1,680 „
SUPREME COURT :	
Registrar	1,800 „
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE :	
Solicitor	1,800 „
LEGISLATION :	
Mr. Speaker	250 „
Clerk of the House	500 „
Messenger	200 „
GOVERNMENT HOUSE :	
Gardener and Messenger	500 „
NANAIMO :	
Inspector of Mines and Government Agent	1,800 „

In the following Departments, viz.:—Printing Office, Lunatic Asylum, Assay Office, Police and Gaols, Mining Engineer, Establishments at Cariboo and Cassiar, and the Educational Department, a thorough investigation should be made by the Government, with the object of effecting as great reduction as the efficiency of the service will permit.

That any officer whose services may be dispensed with, shall receive a month's notice or a month's salary.

That no allowance or salary should be paid to any officer to whom a leave of absence be granted for a longer period than a month.

That no salaried officer (excepting Sheriffs) should take for his own use any Fees or Commission whatsoever.

That the office hours (excepting Government Printing Office) should be from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock, and from 12.45 to 5 o'clock p.m. Printing Office hours from 8 a.m. to 12 o'clock, and from 12.45 to 6 p.m. A notice to that effect to be placed in each office; that a "Time Register" be kept in each office, and signed by the officers daily, on entering and leaving the offices.

That all the necessary work in each office should be finished daily, and that no allowance should be given to any officer for over-time.

That a date should be fixed for payment of all Taxes, and if the amount be not paid at that date, interest should be added.

19th August, 1878.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts Committee beg to report as follows:—

1. That the Debt of the Province, as per Statement of the Auditor, 30th June, 1878, presented herewith, was..... \$809,948 95

2. That the Auditor's Annual Statements show that this debt has arisen from an expenditure in excess of income—

In 1875 of	\$160,194 00	
In 1876	312,924 00	
In 1877	255,404 00	
In 1878 (6 months)	81,426 95	
		809,948 95

3. That there was taken from the allowed debt of the Dominion to this Province, on which B. C. was drawing 5 per cent. interest.....

\$189,000 00
150,000 00
339,000 00

Making the total amount expended by the Province in excess of income in 4½ years, from 1874 to 30th June, 1878, inclusive..... 1,148,948 95

4. That this expenditure has reduced the annual amount of Provincial income available for ordinary purposes as follows:

5 per cent. on \$339,000	16,950 00	
Interest and Sinking Fund, &c., &c., on Loans, as per Statement of Finance Minister	68,692 64	
		85,642 64

5. That no Ledger Accounts have been kept of Lands Sold, Loans to Immigrants, Arrears of Real Estate Tax, V. I., Pastoral Lease Rents, Assessed and School Taxes.

6. That the amounts for which Lands have been sold, as also Loans to Immigrants, are omitted in the Auditor's Statement of Assets.

7. That the value of Taxes and Rents outstanding are roughly estimated in an unsatisfactory manner.

8. That it is impossible to ascertain what are the arrears of taxes for 1876 and 1877 in the different districts, and by whom owing.

9. That this arises from the provisions of the Assessment Act not having been complied with.

10. That notes for over \$1,400 of advances to Immigrants are now over-due, and it appears to be nobody's business to obtain payment.

11. That many of the receipts in the hands of the Auditor are in blank, not having been filled up by the persons receiving the money.

The Committee are of opinion—

That steps should be taken by the Government to ascertain the value and enforce the collection of the Rents and Taxes in arrear, and to obtain payment for all Lands for which the cash is due.

That the Assets of the Province should appear in the books of the Treasury.

That a Committee should be appointed to enquire into the advances made to Immigrants.

That the auditing of the Public Accounts should be kept as closely up as possible.

WM. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Province of British Columbia
on 30th June, 1878.

ASSETS.	AMOUNT.	LIABILITIES.	AMOUNT.
Balance in hand	\$9,810 14	Loan of 1877	\$ 727,500 00
Estimated Arrears of Real Estate Tax (late V. I.)	1,500 00	Loan of 1876	90,500 00
Estimated Arrears of Pastoral Lease Rents	4,000 00	Loan of 1874	20,000 00
Estimated Arrears of Assessed and School Taxes	10,000 00	Deposits (Intestate and other Estates)	16,001 67
Remittances on account of Sinking Fund (Loan of 1877)	14,662 50	Overdraft in Account Current with Bank of British Columbia	72,419 92
Special Deposit with Bank of B.C.	75,000 00		
Interest on do. (to 7th July)	1,500 00		
Balance (Liabilities)	809,948 95		
	926,421 59		926,421 59

MINORITY REPORT

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER:

A minority of your Committee, appointed to enquire into the Public Accounts of the Province, believing that a clearer and fuller report upon the nature of, and particulars connected with, the over-expenditure of the Province for the four and a half years ending 30th June, 1878:—

1. That the debt of the Province, as per Statement of the Auditor, 30th June, presented herewith, is \$ 809,948 95

2. That there was taken from the allowed debt of the Dominion to the Province, on which British Columbia was drawing 5 per cent. interest 339,000 00

3. That the total amount expended by the Province in excess of Revenue, in 4½ years, from 1874 to 30th June 1878, inclusive, has been \$1,148,948 95

4. That the excess of expenditure over income, in the respective years of that period, was—

In 1874 and 1875.....	\$ 499,194 00
„ 1876	312,924 00
„ 1877	255,404 00
„ 1878 (6 months).....	81,426 95
	<u>\$1,148,948 95</u>

5. That on the 1st January, 1876, there were unfinished Contracts, which had been entered into by the Lands and Works Department during 1875, amounting to \$263,034 36.

6. That this amount of liability (\$263,034 36), in the payment of which the good faith of the Province was involved, added to the 1874-5 debt, to which it properly belongs, having been contracted in 1875, amounts to \$ 762,228 36

Thus:—

1874	{	Liabilities (represented by amount actually paid in excess of Revenue).....	\$ 499,194 00
&			
1875		Liabilities (represented by amount paid subsequently, but incurred in 1875)	263,034 36
			<u>\$ 762,228 36</u>

7. That the amount of excess for the first two years, viz., 1874 and 1875, was \$ 762,228 36

And the amount of excess for the last 2½ years, viz., 1876, 1877, and half of 1878, was 386,720 59

Making the total excess for 4½ years, as before \$1,148,948 95

8. That this expenditure has reduced the annual income of the Province, as follows: 5 per cent. on \$339,000 = \$16,950; and caused an annual expenditure for Interest and Sinking Fund account, as per Statement of Finance Minister, of \$68,692 64.

WM. SMITHE,
J. A. MARA.

DECISION OF MR. SPEAKER

ON A

POINT OF ORDER RAISED ON AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO BILL No. 8.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bill No. 8, intituled "An Act relating to certain Acts and Ordinances," reports the Bill complete, with amendments.

The amendments made to the Bill were proposed by a private member, the Honourable Member for Victoria City (Mr. Drummond).

These amendments, in addition to taxes imposed by the Bill before amendment, impose the following further taxes, viz.:—

"Upon any person practising as a Physician, Surgeon, or Land Surveyor, twenty-five dollars for every six months."

A Point of Order has been raised by the Honourable Member from Comox, that the taxes proposed by the amendment were not recommended by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and are therefore in contravention of the provisions of the 54th section of the British North America Act, which provides that the House "shall not adopt or pass any Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost to any purpose, that has not been first recommended by Message of the Lieutenant-Governor," &c.

Neither the Bill nor Amendment propose to appropriate any portion of the public revenue, or any part of any tax or impost upon the people, and the provisions of this section do not therefore apply in the present instance.

This position is borne out by the proceedings of the House of Commons at Ottawa, and the authority hereinafter referred to.

The objection of the Honourable gentleman from Comox is therefore untenable, and falls to the ground.

It is, however, a Bill that should, according to Rule 85 of our Rules and Orders, originate in Committee of the whole House, and should be introduced by a member of the Government.

Mr. Speaker Cockburn, in deciding upon a Point of Order raised on the second reading of a Bill to remove doubts as to the liability to stamp duties of premium notes taken or held by mutual fire insurance companies, objecting that the Bill must, under the 54th section of the British North America Act, be first recommended by Message from the Crown, and also that the Bill should originate in Committee of the Whole, gave his decision as follows:—

"There being no appropriation of money proposed, there need be no recommendation from the Crown, and the objection rests on the ground that as it involves an additional charge upon the people the Bill should have originated in Committee of the Whole, and should have, moreover, been proposed by a Minister."

Instances may undoubtedly be found in the Journals of the English House of Commons of Bills and Motions being introduced by private members to increase taxation, some of which have passed unchallenged, whilst in other cases the indirect assent of a Minister has been deemed sufficient.

Recently, however, (in 1869) a high authority (Sir Thomas Erskine May) stated before a Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament "that no private member is permitted to propose an Imperial tax upon the people. It must proceed from a Minister of the Crown, or be in some form declared to be necessary for the public service."—*See Speakers' Decisions, by Lefeveriere.*

Where the general question of a revision of the Customs Duties has been submitted to the House by the Crown, it is competent for a member (to a certain extent) to increase or to diminish a particular rate of duty proposed, or even to insert in the schedule a new rate of duty, provided it relates to an article already included therein.

But this amendment goes further, it imposes new and distinct taxes.—*See Todd*, 451, 452.

Further than this, the amendment was not a matter which had been committed to the Committee by the House, for the additional taxes proposed by the amendment had not been previously reported by a Committee and agreed to by the House.—*See May*, p. 362, 470.

It might be argued that, this being a Bill relating to municipalities, the amendment was in order in accordance with *May*, p. 448, which states "That the rule has been held 'not to apply to Bills authorizing the levy or application of rates for local purposes, by 'local officers or authorities representing or acting on behalf of the ratepayers.'" And on page 449, of the same distinguished authority, it states "that local rates never have 'been regarded as coming within the Standing Order,'" *i. e.*, the Standing Order of the English House of Commons, from which our Rule, No. 85, is copied verbatim.

But on looking into the Bill as introduced, and as amended, it will be seen that the Bill imposes certain taxes on Barristers, Attorneys, Physicians, Surgeons, and Land Surveyors generally throughout the Province, *i. e.*, the taxes or imposts are Provincial taxes and not merely municipal rates, and therefore do not come within this exception to the general rule.

To follow the practice of *this* House would be irregular; the rules in respect to Bills, subject to the provisions of the 54th section of the British North America Act and Rule 85 of our Rules and Orders, not having been regarded in former years. Among instances of such disregard of parliamentary practice, Bill No. 11 of 1876, and Bills No. 13 of 1877, and No. 12 of 1878, may be cited.

Bill No. 11 of 1876 was amended, in the same manner as it is proposed to amend the Bill in the present instance, by inserting as sub-section (*g.*) the following:—

"(*g.*) By every person not being a permanent resident in British Columbia, and not 'being a commercial traveller, who trades or sells any goods whatsoever in the Province, \$150 in advance every year: Provided, that in the Electoral District of 'Kootenay, the sum of one per cent. only shall be paid by any person engaged in the 'business of packing, on the gross value of the cargo."

Bills Nos. 13, of 1877, and 12, of 1878, each appropriated \$15,000 of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province, and in contravention of the 54th section of the British North America Act both these Bills were introduced without a Message from the Crown recommending the same.

With respect to the rule that such a Bill or Motion as the one under discussion should be introduced by a Minister, or if initiated by a private member (a practice which should be discouraged), a Minister should assume the responsibility of it.

To follow out the decisions referred to, I shall have to rule the Amendment out of Order.

The language of Mr. Speaker Cockburn, when deciding the Point of Order before referred to, is so appropriate that I shall conclude my decision by quoting it almost word for word:—

"If the House agrees with me as to the desirability of adopting this constitutional 'restriction, it will become my duty to enforce the observance of the rule hereafter."

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